

## 2018-2019

- FIRE Crew Application and Program
- Frequently Asked Questions



## What are we looking for in a FIRE Crew leader?

- Compassion, caring, and kindness
- Charisma, character and (a little bit of) craziness
- Responsible, role model
- Something between a friend and a mentor

## What goes into the application?

- Front of page 1 **COMPLETELY** and **NEATLY** filled out
- Back of page 1 **SIGNED** by you
- **Part 2** letter answering the 5 questions
- Include a clear picture of yourself inserted into your letter (to help Mrs. Carr get to know your face/name)
- Please **KEEP PAGE 2** for reference for dates & duties

## When and where are FIRE Crew leader applications due?

- By 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Turn in **to the FIRE box in the front office**
  - Late applications will **NOT** be accepted
  - Do NOT ask to turn in in D104 – do not disturb classes



## What about grades and attendance?

- Need responsible academic students, but straight As and honors/AP are not required
- **Excellence in attendance** matters because your freshmen **NEED** you there – commit to daily FIRE period
- Students who have overcome academic or social challenges are very welcome as they bring a special understanding to the role of FIRE Crew leader

## How many community service hours does a FIRE Crew leader earn?

- Approximately **75-95 hours per year**, if leader...
  - attends **ALL** summer training (10 hours)
  - attends **BOTH** orientation set up & orientation day (10 hours)
  - attends 4 days per week in FIRE advisory period (2 hours\*36)
  - attends Back to School Night (3 hours)

## How do we report our community service hours?

- Mrs. Carr runs attendance reports through Q and submits hours each quarter
- Gives hours directly to Mrs. Duffy on your behalf
- FIRE Crew leaders are not required to write the reflection essay following service



## What summer dates are mandatory?

- August 8 & 9 – a.m. training **MANDATORY**
  - **August 16\* – a.m. set up for orientation**
  - **August 17\* – all-day new student orientation**
- \*Pending confirmation from FTTHS office (regardless be available that same week)



## What happens if I **cannot** attend one or more of the summer dates?

- You **cannot** be assigned to work with freshmen if you are not there to run an orientation group.
- You **cannot** run an orientation group if you are not trained.
- **Talk to your parents NOW** about summer plans!
  - Get the 4 required dates cleared!
  - **Got conflict?** Fix it or apply to FIRE another year.
  - Email Mrs. Carr **before** March 23<sup>rd</sup> for counseling if needed.

## What **NOT** to do?

- Do **not** sign up for SAT prep during FIRE summer dates!
- Do **not** plan a vacation during FIRE summer dates!
- Do **not** apply if your coach will not fully release you from practice during FIRE summer dates!
- Do **not** “forget” to attend FIRE summer dates!
- Do **not** sign up for church camp during FIRE summer dates!
- Do **not** participate in an internship during FIRE summer dates!
- If you think you have conflict,
  - ...**decide NOW what your priorities are**...
  - ...you might have to choose **NOT** to be FIRE crew.

**Are we clear?**

## What happens on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 8-1 pm?

- Two days of training
- Report to Spirito Hall Patio, 7:50
- Training begins, 8:00
- Breaks and snacks
- Dismissal between 12:30 and 1 p.m. (depends on trainer’s assessment of training progress)

## What happens on August 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:30 am ?

- Orientation set up
  - Materials
  - T-shirts
  - Posters
  - Spirito Hall set up
  - Assign orientation roles
- Returning student orientation – you get **PRIORITY!!!**

## What happens on August 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 1:45 pm ?

- New Student Orientation
- Final set up @ 7:00
- FIRE Crew warm up
- Crowd control
- Assembly @ 8:00
- Small groups
- Schedule walk-a-round
- Debriefing
- Staff Meet n Greet for lunch



## What happens the first FIRE day of school?

- Wear your FIRE Crew t-shirt
- Be visible and helpful to any freshman student
  - Offer your assistance
  - Smile
  - Go out of your way to say "hi" in the halls, at breaks, and in classes

## What do we do in FIRE during the first two weeks?

- Ice breaker activities
- Getting to know you activities
- Q & A about Foothill
- Talk about organization, agendas, binders, etc.
- Share your personal experiences
- Plan for fun Friday (the first week)
- Plan for "Start Strong" activity on the second Friday

## The Advisory

- Tuesday through Friday, 11:21-11:51
  - Tuesday, advisory activities including plans and newsletter
  - Wednesday – Friday, attendance, agendas, travel or work
    - One leader should follow up on travelers daily
  - Fun Fridays – you can plan a fun Friday each month
    - Board games, treats, competitive activities, videos

## FIRE Crew Conflicts

- If you, the FIRE Crew leader, are struggling academically...
  - Plan for help outside of FIRE time as much as possible
  - Arrange for alternate time with/access to instructors to make up tests, do test corrections, ask questions, etc.
  - Study groups or a study buddy system
- If you are involved with other activities that occur during FIRE...
  - **Choose which is more important** – your duties as FIRE crew **or** your participation in other activities

**If you cannot commit to the FIRE advisory, do NOT apply!**

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