

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 23rd
- 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 FTHS 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 23rd 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 8th and 9th , 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 16th 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 17th 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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