

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What ages are permitted to attend?

It is recommended participants be at least 7 years old.

Do adults need to attend?

Yes, adult supervision is *required* for the Lock-In, and they are required to be registered participants. With that, every minor child needs to be registered and associated with an adult.

What if we have a group (or more than 1 child)?

One registered adult may chaperone up to five registered minors in their care.

What is the cost?

The cost is \$50 per participant.

Will our group be able to sleep in the same area?

To ensure & maintain required emergency exit paths, all sleeping spaces will be assigned. Groups wishing to sleep near each other should note that on their Registration and, where practical, efforts will be made to accommodate.

Where will we sleep? Can we sleep where we want?

To ensure & maintain required emergency exit paths and to maximize space, all sleeping spaces will be assigned in a bunkhouse style with each participant being provided a predetermined space with a sleeping cot that you are asked to not rearrange. Fire Department staff members will inspect sleeping arrangements and might ask you to adjust your gear.

Can I bring my air mattress?

No air mattresses of any kind will be permitted. Each participant will be provided a cot.

Can I bring my own food and drinks in a cooler?

Outside food and drinks are not allowed during the event. Dinner, snack, and breakfast are all included in the price of the event.

Are electrical outlets available in the sleeping area?

There are limited electrical outlets available in the sleeping area. Please plan accordingly and fully charge your cell phones prior to arrival.

What should we bring?

- Sleeping bag / blanket / pillow (cot is provided)
- Toothbrush and paste
- Appropriate clothing to sleep in (*guests must wear pants and shirts at all time and shoes must be worn when walking around the station*)
- If you bring a smartphone/tablet, please also bring headphones
- Camera

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What **SHOULDN'T** we bring?

- **Alcohol is strictly prohibited—no exceptions!**
- Weapons of *any* kind
- Coolers
- Outside food & drink (*exceptions permitted for allergy/medical needs*)
- Flashlights, laser pointers, glow sticks, noisemakers, etc
- Radios, portable TVs, boom-boxes, etc

Is it very dark after lights out?

At “Lights Out” all unnecessary lighting will be turned off in the sleeping room. However, a few lights will remain on during the night to provide adequate lighting for trips to the bathroom and “Responding to Calls”.

On the other hand, if you require complete darkness to sleep comfortably, please consider bringing an eye mask.

Does the Fire Station get cold at night?

Temperatures can vary and every person is different. Dressing in layers will help you to maintain a comfortable sleeping temperature.

What precautions are taken to ensure our safety?

We view your safety as one of our top priorities and event staff will be available to assist you at any hour.

- Fire department members are trained in emergency medicine
- The building is also equipped with a fire alarm, sprinkler system, and fire extinguishers
- Evacuation plans are in place should it become necessary to leave the station in an emergency
- The fire station is locked & secured after normal business hours
- If you need help at any time during the event, please contact the nearest staff member (red t-shirt) for assistance

Are shoes required at all times?

For everyone's safety, shoes or rubber-soled slippers must be worn while moving around the building. In addition, for every call that we “Respond to” during the evening and overnight hours, we will be going outside - so appropriate and protective footwear is required.

Where can I smoke cigarettes?

Smoking inside the building and within 15 feet of all openings to the building is prohibited. Smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking areas. After lights-out and the building is secured, there will be no opportunities to be escorted outside to smoke a cigarette.

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Is parking available for the event?

Parking will be in the parking lot located in the front of the fire station. Where possible, car-pooling is requested in order to ensure ample parking. Please take caution of the roped off area, as there will be no parking in that location.

Can I arrive late?

No. Please be considerate of the posted check-in time. Not only do we have a schedule we need to keep, but you will not want to miss a moment of fun by arriving late either!

When can I drop off my children?

This is *not* a “drop off” event - all minors MUST be accompanied by, and be in the care of, a competent registered adult participant.

May I leave and come back?

No. Once checked in, all registered participants are expected to remain until the morning. If there is need to leave, you must first notify a staff member (red t-shirt) prior to leaving the premises.

What if I have to leave before the 8 am ending time?

Once checked in, all registered participants are expected to remain until the morning. If there is a need to leave prior to the stated breakfast time, you must first notify a staff member (red t-shirt) prior to leaving the premises.

What if one of the minors in my care needs to leave?

Once checked in, all registered participants are expected to remain until the morning. If there is a need for someone in your care to leave early, it is your responsibility to make arrangements for the minor’s parent or legal guardian to arrive and take possession of the child. In no instances shall that occur without notification and concurrence of a Fire District staff member.

Please direct any unanswered questions to Lt. Kearns
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