

The Explorer-Cadet "Hands On Training" Fire School will be held at the Illinois Fire Service Institute's facilities in Champaign, Illinois.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.  
NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.**

#### Conference Costs

Due to decreased funding from the state of Illinois, we must charge a nominal fee for training in 2015.

#### Fee to attend:

Youth and Adult Supervisors \$405  
(includes lodging and dorm meals)  
Youth and Adult Supervisors \$325  
(lodging and meals on your own)

#### Lodging option (cadets and chaperones)

- Stay at the dormitories: \$405 (Wed-Fri)\*

On-campus, dormitory lodging includes double occupancy with breakfast and dinner. Reservations for on-campus housing and meals must be made before June 3, 2015. Please mark your choice on the registration form. **The lodging option is not available after June 3.**

Lunch is provided Thursday and Friday on the training grounds.

**\*NOTE** If you stay at the dorms on Tuesday and/or Saturday, you will be charged for the extra lodging and meals. Call University housing at 217/333-1766 to arrange.

#### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be in writing *and* received by IFSI by June 3, 2015. NO phone cancellations accepted. All cancellations after June 3, 2015 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are subject to be invoiced the full amount.

Reservations accepted up through June 3, 2015 or when maximum number of students reaches 150. For registrations after June 3, call Terri Hopper at 217-244-7131.

#### Payment options

- One check per organization
- Invoice to department
- Credit card: 217-244-7131

#### Schedule at a Glance

**Wednesday, June 3, 2015** deadline to register and reserve dorm lodging

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

8am – Noon: *Check - in* at IFSI.

Gear inspection, grounds orientation, logistics, Code of Conduct review.

**Wednesday, June 17** 1pm-5 pm: training

**Thursday, June 18** 8am-5pm: training

**Friday, June 19** 8am-5pm: training

**Saturday, June 20** 8am-noon: training

**Saturday, June 20** Noon: *All* participants assemble for closing

#### Questions?

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**Wednesday - Saturday  
June 17-20, 2015**

#### IMPORTANT DATES

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**June 4 - first email confirmation sent to advisor**

**June 13 - last email confirmation sent**



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***The 2015 conference brings back the popular format.***

All cadets have the opportunity to participate in live-fire “hands-on-training” and will choose their program.

**☐ Introduction to Fundamentals**

- Water supply
- Forcible entry
- Ropes and knots
- Fire service hose work and ladder work
- One live-fire training station and one theatrical smoke training experience

**☐ Advanced Skills Program**

- Fundamentals plus
- Decision-making challenges
- Live-fire conditions
- Auto extrication
- Technical rescue

**☐ Cadet Officer Program**

- Fireground responsibilities
- Leadership
- Coordinated fire attack

Mark your choice on the Explorer-Cadet Registration form.

***After Explorer-Cadet “Hands On Training” Fire School, certificates can be downloaded from the IFSI web site for all classes where the students participated in the entire class.***

***Accepted ages for Explorers, Cadets and Junior Firefighters are 15 - 20, prior to June 17, 2015.***

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The Fire Cadet Explorers Program has been designed to provide students with the opportunity to get hands-on experience and knowledge of required in today’s fire service. The Explorer Advisory Board has determined the following three main programs for the Cadets based on level of knowledge:

**Introduction to Fundamentals, Advanced Skills, and Cadet Officer.**

**Course Descriptions**

**Introduction to Fundamentals:** This program introduces students to the fire service experience at the basic level. It is an introduction to water supply, hose loads, advancement of attack lines, forcible entry, hand tools and usage, vertical and horizontal ventilation, search and rescue, pumper operations, ropes and knots, and auto extrication. This program will include one live fire training station and at least one station that will use theatrical smoke to enhance the training experience.

**Advanced Skills Program:** This track provides a more complex training experience than that of the fundamentals program. This track covers many of the areas listed in the fundamentals program but adds the challenge of decision-making and multi-task assignments under challenging live-fire conditions. In addition, students will get the opportunity to operate commonly used rescue tools for auto extrications and utilize ropes and knots in technical rescue situations.

**Cadet Officer Program:** This program tasks the experienced cadet with the demanding responsibility of a fire officer on the fireground. Students will be placed in a fast-paced learning environment that will require them to lead other cadets into the ever-changing situations on the fireground during a coordinated fire attack.

Group equipment trailers or vehicles may be left on the grounds at the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Daily paid parking is available at the dormitory.

**Required equipment**

All students and participating adults must supply their own fitted turn-out gear, ear plugs and safety glasses or goggles *and* self-contained breathing apparatus with mask. Cylinders must be within hydrostatic test date. **Out-of-date cylinders will not be filled.**

Additional clothing for multiple drills in a very dirty environment and knee-pads for staying low on a hard, rough floor are a MUST. Short pants and sleeveless shirts will not be permitted.

**Off-site requirements**

Class participants staying at the dormitory will need the typical toiletry items, personal medications, and extra towels. Beach footwear or flip-flops are encouraged. Bedding is provided.

**Conduct**

Remember, you are representing your family, your community and your fire department. Inappropriate conduct will be cause of dismissal with no appeal. This applies for both cadets and sponsors – both on and off-site.

**Additional Requirements**

Drills are physically demanding. Each youth member, supervisor and adult chaperone participating in drills must have on record (at their local fire department):

- an up-to-date fitness physical as mandated by IDOL (OSHA) & AHJ
- an up-to-date SCBA Fit Test as mandated by IDOL (OSHA) & AHJ

If you need help with the IDOL, the IFSI library can help by calling 217-333-8925. Anyone with a medical condition that will affect their participation is strongly urged to consult a physician before registering.

**An adult supervisor and/or chaperone is required for every five students with a minimum of two per group. All co-ed groups must have a female chaperone.**

**Each organization’s chaperone(s)/adult supervisors (21 years old or older) will supervise their group on and off the campus and are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct provided.**