



# EXPLORER CADET FIRE SCHOOL <sup>16<sup>TH</sup></sup> ANNUAL

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The Illinois Fire Service Institute is proud to offer the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Explorer Cadet Fire School. This unique training program delivers hands-on, live fire training to Explorers, Cadets, and Junior Firefighters between the ages of 15-20 years old. IFSI Field Instructors have carefully designed each course to include skill building exercises, practical application evolutions, and multiple immersive training scenarios that will challenge all skill levels.

Regardless of course selection, students will learn from the top fire service professionals in the industry. The Explorer Cadet Fire School instructor team will quickly engage, motivate, and inspire students to develop key firefighting skills and learn more about the fire service industry.

## **NEW IN 2018: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONVENIENT ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

- Registration Opens – May 7, 2018
- Last Day to Cancel without Penalty – June 22, 2018
- Last Day to Register – June 29, 2018

### THURSDAY, JULY 12

Check In	8:00am – 12:00pm
Opening Ceremony	12:30pm
Training	1:00pm – 5:00pm

### FRIDAY, JULY 13

Training	8:00am – 5:00pm*
Friday Evening Activity	7:30pm

### SATURDAY, JULY 14

Training	8:00am – 5:00pm*
Saturday Evening Activity	7:30pm

### SUNDAY, JULY 15

Training	8:00am – 12:00pm
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\* There will be a 90-minute break for lunch on your own.

## **FEES WITH HOUSING AND MEAL PLAN: \$525/STUDENT | \$275/CHAPERONE**

Includes: 3 nights lodging in University of Illinois residence hall  
Breakfast in dining hall Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
Dinner in dining hall Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

## **FEE WITHOUT HOUSING: \$450/STUDENT | \$200/CHAPERONE**

## **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

### **Register online at [WWW.FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU](http://WWW.FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU)**

Online registrations receive an immediate time stamp upon submission. Course assignments are based on the date and time registration materials are received. Explorer Cadet Fire School enrollment is first-come, first-served and is limited 250 students and 100 chaperones/advisors. Take advantage of the immediate electronic timestamp and register online.

### **Or complete the paper registration form:**

MAIL: 11 Gerty Dr  
Champaign, IL 61820

FAX: (217) 244-6790

EMAIL: [jbeccue@illinois.edu](mailto:jbeccue@illinois.edu)

## **POLICIES & PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Participants must be affiliated with a fire department Explorer Cadet Post in order to attend this event. Students may not participate in the training without an organizational sponsor.**

Two chaperones/advisors are required for every group. **All co-ed groups must have a female chaperone staying in the dorms.** All chaperones/advisors must be 21 years of age or older. Each chaperone/advisor will be responsible for supervising their group on and off the IFSI campus and are expected to abide by the IFSI Code of Conduct Policy. The written Code of Conduct Policy will be included with registration confirmation details. Inappropriate conduct from students or chaperones/advisors, on or off the IFSI training grounds, will be cause for immediate dismissal from the training program.

The Explorer Cadet Fire School Courses are physically demanding. Each youth participant and chaperone/advisor participating in course activities must have on record with their department or post the following:

- Up-to-date fitness physical as mandated by IDOL (OSHA) and AHJ
- Up-to-date SCBA Fit Test as mandated by IDOL (OSHA) and AHJ

For assistance with IDOL, contact the IFSI Library Team at (217) 333-8925. Any participant with a medical condition is strongly encouraged to consult a physician prior to registering.

**Advance Registration is required. No walk in registrations are accepted. Students will not be allowed to switch classes once registrations are confirmed unless due to a medical reason.**



# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM

24 Hours

This course introduces students to the fire service experience at the beginner level. The Basic Skills Program is designed for first time attendees and students looking for more exposure to essential firefighting skills. Course topics include equipment and tactics for ropes and knots, gear and safety, structural firefighting techniques, basic auto extrication, and emergency medical services. *Required Gear: NFPA compliant PPE and SCBA.*

## ADVANCED SKILLS PROGRAM

24 Hours

This course is a more complex training experience designed for students who have a comfort in live fire conditions and have achieved a basic understanding of essential firefighting skills. Course topics include a comprehensive understanding of equipment and tactics for ropes and knots, structural firefighting, auto extrication, and emergency medical services. The Advanced Skills Program adds the challenge of incident decision making and multi task assignments in challenging live fire conditions. *Required Gear: NFPA compliant PPE and SCBA.*

## CADET OFFICER PROGRAM

24 Hours

This program tasks the experienced cadet with the demanding responsibilities of a fire officer. Students enrolled in this program should have a familiarity with live fire training and have achieved a basic understanding of essential firefighting skills. This course builds on the Advanced Skills Program curriculum by engaging students in a fast-paced learning environment that will require them to test their leadership capabilities. The Cadet Officer Program consists of multiple coordinated attack scenarios that require leadership and teamwork. Instructors will challenge students to develop the decision making skills that are critical for career preparation in this elite program. *Required Gear: NFPA compliant PPE and SCBA.*

## PAYMENT OF FEES:

All registrations will be billed upon completion of the Explorer Cadet Fire School. Complete the required section of the registration form indicating if the department or participant is to be billed for program fees. If the billing acknowledgement section is not completed, the fire department will be billed.

Any discrepancies in billing must be submitted in writing prior to September 21, 2018. Any bills not disputed by the noted deadline will be considered correct and owed by the registrant.

Cancellations must be submitted in writing prior to 5:00pm on Friday, June 22, 2018. Failure to cancel by the noted deadline will result in full fees being billed. Phone disputes or cancellations are not accepted. Send billing and cancellation correspondence to the attention of Jodi Beccue:

MAIL: 11 Gerty Dr  
Champaign, IL 61820

FAX: (217) 244-6790

EMAIL: [jbeccue@illinois.edu](mailto:jbeccue@illinois.edu)

Enrollment substitutions are allowed but must be made in advance of the course start times. Contact Jodi Beccue at [jbeccue@illinois.edu](mailto:jbeccue@illinois.edu) for advance substitutions. **Onsite substitutions are allowed but completed registration forms, with fire department personnel signature and parent signature (if applicable), are still required for substitute participants.**



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### **EVENING ACTIVITIES:**

*The Explorer Cadet Fire School evening activities are part of the training experience.* Participants are strongly encouraged to take full advantage of the immersive experience. The activities are fun, engaging and designed to further enhance each student's experience on the training grounds.

### **PARKING POLICY:**

Parking during event hours will be available free of charge at the IFSI training grounds. Trailers may be parked overnight in designated locations. Participants staying in University Housing will have access to a paid parking lot convenient to the overnight accommodations. This is not included in the program fees and should be arranged with University Housing during check in.

### **CERTIFICATES:**

A maximum of 24 hours of instruction is available to each student during the Explorer Cadet Fire School. Attendance certificates are available. Students must attend courses in their entirety in order to receive an attendance certificate. Students who successfully complete training programs can print their certificate by accessing the IFSI website, [www.fsi.illinois.edu](http://www.fsi.illinois.edu).

### **FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Students, chaperones/advisors, or other participants are not allowed to shoot personal or department photos or videos of Explorer Cadet Fire School. IFSI will actively film and photograph the four-day training event. These materials will be available for download from the IFSI social media sites.

### **HOUSING DETAILS:**

Participants taking advantage of the University Housing option will stay in the Florida Avenue Residence Hall. Each room is double occupancy. Accommodations include: pillow, mattress, blanket, linens, towels, and washcloths. Meals include dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Lunch is not provided on any days in the residence hall or on the IFSI training grounds. A 90-minute break is scheduled on Friday and Saturday.

### **EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:**

NFPA compliant and department approved personal protective equipment and SCBA are required for all programs. Students must provide their own PPE and SCBA. Please note: In order for all students to have full participation in training activities, sharing of gear is not allowed. Additionally, IFSI does not provide loaner equipment or repairs to personal gear.

Participants are strongly encouraged to prepare for multiple drills by bringing backup gear. Shirts with sleeves and long pants are required under PPE. Kneepads are encouraged. It is highly recommended that students wear long sleeves and cotton blend work pants for maximum comfort and safety.

All students must be clean-shaven if participating in a live fire class. Facial hair that crosses the jaw line is not permitted in courses where a breathing apparatus will be used. No exceptions will be made to this policy.

SCBA bottles must have a current hydrostatic test date. Outdated hydrostatic dated bottles will not be allowed.