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U.S. Forest Service-FIRE is recruiting young men and women interested in joining the Angeles National Forest- Wildland Firefighter Explorer Academy.

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February 2023

Attention Explorers and Explorer Advisors,

US Forest Service, Angeles National Forest-FIRE will be hosting its 29th annual Wildland Firefighter Explorer Academy starting April 21, 2023.

Academy will be 4 weekends / 100+ hours of training that will focus on Wildland/Urban Interface firefighting and fire use knowledge & skills. The academy will also provide a physical training component. Graduates will meet requirements for Firefighter-2 certification.

Academy will include 4 in-person training weekends and Explorers will stay at the Training Center during the Academy. Graduation will be on May 14, 2023.

We are seeking a diverse candidate pool of Explorers from Southern California. Join this amazing Fire Explorer Academy!

The cutoff and deadline to apply to the Academy is **March 31, 2023 at 6pm.** Explorers will be notified by email if they were selected for the academy. Notifications will be made 2 weeks before the Academy starts. Limited slots available.

If you have any questions, email mail@anfpost99.com

Visit us on the web for more information and academy application: explorewildfire.com
Scan QR code for video & academy info.

Thank you,

Division Chief Oscar Vargas
Academy Coordinator



[Academy Video](#)



[Academy Info & Application](#)

Wildfire Explorer Academy

Class 29 / 2023



Information Sheet

Dates: APRIL 21st, 22nd, 23rd (IN PERSON TRAINING)
 APRIL 28th, 29th, 30th (IN PERSON TRAINING)
 MAY 5th, 6th, 7th (IN PERSON TRAINING)
 MAY 12th, 13th, 14th (IN PERSON TRAINING)
Explorers arrive on Fridays and go home Sundays.

Times:

Fridays: 5:00 PM-10:00 PM. Explorers can arrive as early

Saturdays: 6:30 AM-10:00 PM.

Sundays: 6:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Location:

Little Tujunga Fire Station Training Center
12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342

Host Agency: US Forest Service, Angeles National Forest-Fire & Aviation Management

Who can Participate: Fire Explorers (ages 16 to 21) from Southern CA Explorer Posts.
Explorers will be notified if they were selected 2 weeks before Academy starts.

Cost: \$200 for meals, hat, t-shirt and training materials.

Covid-19 Policy: The Academy has a Covid-19 Mitigation Plan. Separate Document.

Curriculum: Courses are certified by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) and exceed the requirements for Firefighter-2 certification.

Training will include the following courses and subjects:

S-110 Basic Wildland Fire Suppression Orientation
S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
S-130 Basic Wildland Firefighter Training
I-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
FEMA IS-700 and FEMA IS-800
S-134 Look Outs, Communications, Escape Routes
Fire Shelters
L-180 Human Factor on the Fireline
Fireground Communications
Wildland Fire Prevention and Investigation
Fire in the Wildland/Urban Interface
Field Drills (Hoselays/Handline Construction)
Live Fire Training and Scenario
Physical Fitness Drills
Sand-Table / SIM-TABLE training drills

All who pass the course of instruction and physical fitness requirements will receive a National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) certificate of completion that makes them eligible for Type-2 Firefighter certification.

Attendance: Cadets are required to attend all training sessions and not allowed to miss any time during the Academy unless approved in advanced by Academy Coordinator.

Testing: Tests will be given throughout the course with one mid-term and one final. All classroom material must be completed while the academy. Participants who fail courses will not receive certificate for those courses.

Organization: Participants will be divided into Engine Companies & Crews and will compete with other *companies/crews* for the best academic scores, teamwork, physical fitness, etc.

Awards: Academic and physical fitness awards will be presented during graduation ceremony.

Meals: Meals not provided on Fridays. Meals will be provided Saturdays and Sundays.

Dress: Academy participants must wear and bring their Explorer uniforms (uniform shirt, Post T-shirt, uniform pants, shorts and sweatshirt) and bring 2-4 plain white T-shirts, running shoes, dark-blue sweatshirt, and physical training gear. The Academy will provide wildland fire gear for field drills if you cannot provide your own.

Academy Rules

1. Comply with Academy safety plan.
2. Comply with Covid-19 mitigation plan.
3. Mutual Respect is required and there is zero tolerance of any form of harassment/hazing.
4. The Academy has a "closed campus policy" during in-person training sessions.
5. Visitors are not allowed on the training center compound.
6. The use of alcohol, drugs, or any type of diet stimulants (ephedrine) is strictly prohibited.
7. Any incidents of cheating on exams or insubordination will be grounds for immediate removal.
8. Always keep training locations clean and neat.
9. Use of media-players, cameras or cell phones is not allowed.
10. Explorers will follow the dress code as written below:
 - a. Hair: Explorers must present a professional appearance. Hair must be clean and styled in a professional manner.
 - b. Shaving Policy: Male Explorers are expected to be always clean shaven.
 - c. Uniforms: All Explorers will be required to wear their department approved uniforms. Shirts and pants will be clean and pressed. Department approved belts must be worn. Leather belts must be polished and free of wear.
 - d. Boots: Boots will be polished or oiled to your department's specifications. Wildland, laceup, leather boots with Vibram soles are recommended but not required. Fire resistant boots required for Live-Fire Drills.
 - e. Jewelry: Wearing jewelry is not allowed due the risk and hazard during drills
 - f. Watches, wedding bands or emergency ID bracelets are acceptable forms of jewelry.
 - g. No Facial jewelry allowed.
 - h. Undershirts: Approved Academy t-shirts (provided) may be worn under the uniform.
 - i. 3 plain white T-shirts for physical training.
 - j. Garments: Female cadets are to wear only dark gray, black or navy sports bras.
 - k. Softcaps: Approved Academy hats (provided) will be worn by Explorers outside and will be removed when entering buildings.
 - l. Jackets/Sweatshirts: Approved department jackets and sweatshirts will be permitted but must be removed during lineup and inspections.

**** Failing to comply/follow the rules could lead to immediate removal from the Academy and Notification to your Explorer Advisor and Home Agency.**