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2022 SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CAMPS

SUFFOLK, VA (March 29, 2022) The Suffolk Fire & Rescue Department is pleased to announce the return of their popular *Summer Fire and Life Safety Camps* geared to youth ages 6 to 9.

The half-day local camp runs Monday through Friday and exposes children to what it is like to be a firefighter with Suffolk Fire & Rescue with a variety of fun, challenging, entertaining, and educational activities. The mission of the camp is to teach children safety lessons on things around their homes and schools which they encounter every day. Short lectures and lessons are followed by opportunities to actively participate in exercises designed to reinforce topics including firefighting, bike safety, water safety, search & rescue practices, first aid, and much more.

The fee for each weekly session is \$85 per child which includes a camp t-shirt, various school supplies, and lunch each day, except for Friday, when there will be a graduation for participants. Participants can arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. and must be picked up by 1 p.m. The sessions run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Friday with camp graduation beginning promptly at 11:45 a.m. Transportation to and from the camp is not provided.

The available sessions and locations are as follows:

Session 1, June 20 – June 24, Station #6, 300 Kings Fork Road

Session 2, July 18 - July 22, Station #6, 300 Kings Fork Road

Session 3, August 15 – August 19, Station #6, 300 Kings Fork Road

The registration deadline is June 3, 2022. You may mail or drop off the application and fee to: Suffolk Fire & Rescue Attention Fire Camp, 300 Kings Fork Road, Suffolk, VA 23434. Checks will need to be made out to the Jeff T. Messinger Memorial Fund.

Space is limited and camps will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will not be confirmed for the camp until the application and payment are received. We encourage you to drop off the required paperwork and payment in person to reserve your spot in the camp. The Fire and Life Safety camps fill quickly and there is no waiting list.

For additional information, contact Jeanie Brinkley at 757-514-4584. Application forms can be downloaded online: www.suffolkva.us/220/Fire-Rescue.

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