



Bend Fire & Rescue Student Intern Training opportunity



Students Preparing A Responsible Community (S.P.A.R.C.)

Are you interested in Fire Safety, Education, Leadership?

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

To develop *future safety leaders* in our community, and provide students the skills and knowledge to assist, protect, and serve the City of Bend and Deschutes Rural Fire District #2.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Selected students will be responsible for assisting and representing Bend Fire & Rescue with educational community events focusing on fire safety & prevention, and operational firefighting/EMS duties. This internship will introduce students to an exciting career in emergency services with Bend Fire & Rescue!

*The students will be responsible for helping to develop educational programs for elementary, middle, and high school students, present fire safety programs at local schools, assist at county fairs, and other fire department events. They must show commitment by attending monthly meetings for the **S.P.A.R.C.** program.

*Additionally, the students will complete Bend Fire's 'Camp Fire Axe,' a 4-day, academy-like program, where the students learn how to become firefighters.

Students are expected to maintain their academics throughout the program, and be able to balance their schoolwork, family, and sports with the S.P.A.R.C. program.

High School Elective Credit will be awarded for participation in this program.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The program has two elements, Fire Prevention and Fire/EMS Operations. The following is a monthly schedule of activities you will be involved in with the S.P.A.R.C. program. During each event, you will be expected to pre-arrange your absence with parents, teachers, and your school attendance office.

The format will remain the same however programs may vary slightly and may be subject to change, depending on the needs of the community.

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Schedule of Activities

Month	Event	Hours
September	SPARC student orientation and training CPR Training	4-8 hours
October	National Fire Prevention Awareness Month and Fire Busters Planning	6 - 8 hours
November	FireBusters Program	4-6 hours
December	Santa's Express	4 - 8 hours
January	Resume Building and Interview Process for the Fire/EMS Service	4-6 hours
February	Introduction into Dispatch EMS Paths (EMT vs. Paramedic)	4-6 hours
March	Public Safety Fairs (Running a booth, etc. on weekends)	6-8 hours

April / May	Team Teaching with Smokey Bear & Buster Fire Service Organization/Leadership	1-2 school days 4 hours
	FireFree at Knott Landfill	2-4 hours
	Defensible Space HOA/Neighborhood presentations	2-4 hours
June	Wildfire risk Preparation and Prevention for the community	2-4 hours
	Camp Fire Axe -Weekend event/training- more to come	
July	4 th of July in Park (<i>Event subject to change</i>) (assist with fire engine tours, games, etc.)	8 hours
	Cascade Children's Festival (<i>Subject to change</i>) (assist with fire engine tours, games, etc.)	8 hours
August	Deschutes County Fair (Staff booth, help with children's games, prizes, free admission)	8 – 24 hours
Regular meetings	monthly	usually 1 hour

Completion of 65 hours (in any combination of the above activities) and journal, student will receive .5 elective credits.

BEND FIRE & RESCUE S.P.A.R.C. PROGRAM

Application process:

- One page Resume
- Letter of recommendation from Teacher or adult mentor/coach
- 300 word typed essay, including the following:
 1. Why is Fire Safety Awareness important in our community?
 2. Why are you interested in the Fire/EMS Service?
 3. Why is community engagement important? Ideas you have about educating students of all ages on this topic (including elementary, middle and high school students)
 4. Why you want to be involved in the SPARC program, and what strengths you would bring to the program?
- Parent pre-authorization Form

Students will be expected to:

- Pre-arrange absences with parents, teachers and attendance office
- Meet with team on a regular basis
- Attend Bend Fire Events (will have monthly calendar)
- Represent Bend Fire Department and School
- Complete a journal and track individual hours of participation

Student Benefits:

- Experience in Leadership, Teaching/Education (Kindergarten through 12th grade), Event Production, Fire/EMS Safety Career, Public Relations, Creative Design, create Self confidence and motivation in a team-oriented atmosphere.
- High School Elective Credit
- Letter of recommendation from Bend Fire & Rescue department upon successful completion
- A chance to help your community and make a positive difference!

Bend Fire Department Panel will screen applications and select students combined from all Bend area schools.

**Space is limited
Apply today!**



Parent Pre-Authorization Form to Participate in the S.P.A.R.C. program

I pre-authorize my son/daughter, _____, to participate
Please Print Name

in the S.P.A.R.C. program. I understand they will be responsible for arranging absences with myself, the attendance office and their teachers before each event, and for making up any homework they might miss as a result of this program.

Parent Signature

Please Print Name

Date

Students: please return this pre-authorization form to the School-to-Career office at your school, along with your resume, recommendations and essay.