




FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S






WHO:

-  Are you a rising 7th or 8th grader this year who lives in Forsyth County?
-  Are you interested in learning about firefighting?
-  Are you ready to have an exciting experience while learning at the same time?

WHAT:

Join the Forsyth County Fire Department for a FREE week of JUNIOR FIRE ACADEMY! Four full days of experiencing what it's like to be a firefighter, including firefighting, search-and-rescue practices, EMS and much more. Plus, returning students who have attended a previous camp can apply to become an officer for the academy.

WHEN & WHERE:

-  Monday through Thursday, June 15-18, 2026
8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
-  Fire Department Headquarters,
3520 Settingdown Road, Cumming
-  Note: Campers must be picked up by 4 p.m.

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the application and mail, fax, email or drop off the application by May 8, 2025 to:

Forsyth County Fire Department
JUNIOR FIRE ACADEMY
Attn: Community Risk Reduction
3520 Settingdown Road, Cumming, Georgia 30028
Fax: (678) 513-5950
Email: enlong@forsythco.com



For additional information, please contact Erin Long with FCFD at 770-205-4688.



Information for Parents and Guardians:

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Junior Fire Academy is a free daytime local camp that runs Monday through Friday. The camp is dedicated to exposing school-age kids to what it is like to be a firefighter with the Forsyth County Fire Department, and it is a great opportunity for firefighters to help kids build a sense of teamwork and responsibility. We will accept applications from children who are going into seventh and eighth grade in August of this year.

The camp is designed to be fun, challenging, entertaining and educational. We want the children to learn safety lessons about things around their homes and schools that they encounter every day. They will have short periods of lectures and lessons each day followed by opportunities to actively participate in exercises designed to reinforce what they have been taught. Their lessons and activities will center on the daily life of a firefighter and fire/life safety issues, but will also branch out to cover EMS, search and rescue as well as many other action-packed topics. Attendees will be divided into groups, which will operate as a "fire company" for all of their activities. Leadership principles will be taught to each child directly and indirectly.

MEDICAL/MEDICATIONS

We have trained medical personnel for our department at the level of Emergency Medical Technician – Basic up to Paramedic. We will not be able to administer any medication to your child that is not provided by the parent in its original container with dosage specified. Children will not be allowed to keep medication of any type in their possession. Our medic will administer all medications as needed, and as specified, on the prescription label. In cases of injury or illness that are serious enough to warrant treatment under our operational medical director's protocols, your child's status would be changed from "camper" to "patient" and could result in transportation to a hospital emergency room. Every attempt will be made to reach the parent/guardian prior to medical assistance being provided.

DRESS CODE

You should dress your child according to the weather forecast for the day. If your child is cold natured, please send a lightweight jacket with them. A camp T-shirt is provided on the first day. Many children will wear the T-shirt on Monday for pictures and again at the closing ceremony on Thursday. We suggest your child wear only clothes that can get dirty and bring a pair of pants with them to wear for certain segments. ***Closed-toe shoes and socks are required at all times.***

In order for any child to attend camp, he or she will have to rely on you or another adult for daily transportation. Therefore, there is some time involved on your part. The hours for camp are **MONDAY through THURSDAY from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Campers must be picked up by 4 p.m.).**

On behalf of the Forsyth County Fire Department, we thank you for your interest in the Junior Fire Academy and hope that your child will have a fun and positive learning experience.

Sincerely,

Forsyth County Fire Department's Community Risk Reduction Division



Junior Fire Academy Application

Camp Dates: **June 15-18 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

New Candidates: Rising 7th and 8th graders in Forsyth County

Returning Candidates: Rising 8th graders in Forsyth County

Please fax your completed application to (678) 513-5950, email copy to enlong@forsythco.com or drop it off at the Forsyth County Public Safety Complex at 3520 Settingdown Road by May 8, 2026, Attn: Community Risk Reduction.

Section 1- Completed by Parent/Guardian

Candidate's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M F

Home Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Grade Entering in August 2026: _____ School: _____

Has this candidate ever been to Junior Fire Academy in the past? _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mother's Work #: _____ Father's Work #: _____ Child's Shirt Size (Youth/Adult): _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Is your child planning on attending the Academy with a friend? If yes, please list their name:

Please list all health concerns, limitations, restrictions, or medications fro your child:

Please attach an additional sheet of paper if you need more room to finish.

Why do you support your child's involvement in Junior Fire Academy?

Please attach an additional sheet of paper if you need more room to finish.

Section 2- Completed by New Candidate Applications

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions.

1. Explain why you should be a candidate in the Forsyth County Junior Fire Academy.
2. Candidates are expected to participate in fire rescue activities and take what they learn back home and teach others about fire safety and the fire service. Will you pass along to your family and friends what you learn in this program? How will you do it?
3. There are portions of the class that require physical effort in simulated firefighting operations as well as classroom training in fire safety and prevention. Are you willing and able to accept the challenges of the Junior Fire Academy?

Attendance is required for all portions of the Academy. Will you commit to attending the entire program?

YES NO

Section 3- Completed by Returning Candidate Officer Applications

Responsibilities for Returning Candidate Officer:

- Lead a group of 5-10 candidates and be engaged with crew during activities under the direction of the adult leadership.
- Promote teamwork and problem solving within the crew assigned.
- Encourage crew members and help them to develop confidence in themselves and their abilities.
- Be an active role model of good character, integrity, adaptability, enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience and self-control.

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions.

1. Do you understand and accept the above responsibilities?
2. Explain why you should be chosen as a returning candidate officer for the Forsyth County Junior Fire Academy.
3. What could others learn from you at Junior Fire Academy?

Attendance is required for all portions of the Academy. Will you commit to attending the entire program?

YES NO

TERMS OF ENROLLMENT FOR CANDIDATES AND OFFICERS

- Candidates will adhere to the Department's Rules and Regulations or will be **dismissed without review**.
- Candidates should **not** bring any valuables to the program, including toys, radios, jewelry, money, etc. **Cell phones** are allowed but must be on silent and not visible.
- Forsyth County Fire Department is **NOT** responsible for lost items. Staff has been instructed **NOT** to safe keep any candidate's possessions.
- Candidates **must** wear **closed-toed sneakers** every day (no sandals or Crocs).
- Candidates should wear weather-appropriate clothes that can get dirty and bring a spare change of clothes, including shoes. Pants should be brought for certain segments of the week.
- **Candidates will be chosen based on the thoroughness of application answers by a panel of judges.**

**The Academy will be held at the Forsyth County Public Safety Complex at 3520 Settingdown Rd.
Academy hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Campers must be picked up by 4 p.m.**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION:

As the parent or legal guardian of _____, I furthermore give permission to Forsyth County and its employees and volunteers to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child or the child over whom I have legal custody, whom is listed above.

I understand that all reasonable effort will be made to contact me prior to seeking medical care for the child listed above. If I cannot be reached, the county will exercise reasonable judgment in seeking medical treatment for my child.

Forsyth County may contact the following health care provider for medical treatment or other health care providers if the health care provider listed below is not available.

Physician or other Health Care Provider: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____

HOLD HARMLESS AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY - MINOR PARTICIPANT

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of _____, a minor, acknowledge and understand that participation in the activity referenced above involves inherent risks, including personal injury, property damage, or death.

In consideration of allowing my child to participate, I hereby assume all such risks on behalf of my child and voluntarily accept full responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss that may occur.

I further agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless Forsyth County, Georgia, the Forsyth County Fire Department, and all officials, officers, supervisors, volunteers, and other employees and agents of the County from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, or liability of any kind arising out of my child's participation in this activity, including injury, death, or property damage.

By signing below, I, on behalf of my child, release and discharge Forsyth County, Georgia, the Forsyth County Fire Department, and all associated officials, officers, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims or legal liability, whether known or unknown, arising from my child's participation in this activity.

I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to sign this agreement.

Signature of parent of guardian

Date

Printed name of parent or guardian

Printed name of minor child

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO RELEASE

To more effectively promote programs and activities sponsored by Forsyth County, the County seeks the permission of program and activity participants to photograph and/or video the participants and their child/children/ward(s) participating in county programs and activities. Please complete the following section:

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of _____, permits Forsyth County to take and use photographs and/or video of me and/or my child/children/ward(s) for the purpose of promoting Forsyth County programs and activities. This includes permission to publish photographs and/or video of me and/or my child/children/ward(s) for such purpose. I understand that such photographs and/or video of me and/or my child/children/ward(s) remain the property of Forsyth County.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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