


Junior Firefighter Academy 2025 - Cadet FAQ

 **Dates:** July 14 - July 18, 2025

 **Time:** 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

 **Location:** Lake Travis Fire Rescue, Fire Station 605 & District

 **Cost:** \$25 (financial assistance available if needed)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the Junior Firefighter Academy?

The Junior Firefighter Academy is a five-day, hands-on program designed for students aged **12 to 15** who are interested in learning about firefighting and emergency medical services (EMS). Participants will engage in physical training, educational classes, and real-world fire and EMS simulations.

2. Who can apply?

Applicants must be **between 12 and 15 years old** and physically capable of participating in hands-on training and simulations.

3. How are cadets selected?

The academy is limited to **12 cadets**, and if LTFR receives more than 12 applications, a **lottery system** will be used for selection. Each applicant will be assigned a number, and those with numbers **beyond 12** will be placed on a **waiting list** in case openings become available. All applicants will be notified by **April 18, 2025**.

4. What kind of activities will we be doing?

Cadets will experience:

- ✓ **Ladder climbs and rappelling**
- ✓ **Search drills in a smoke-filled environment**
- ✓ **Firefighting skills and hose operations**
- ✓ **Ropes and knot-tying**
- ✓ **EMS training and first aid basics**
- ✓ **Team-building and leadership exercises**

A finalized schedule will be provided by **June 15, 2025**.

5. Will food and drinks be provided?

Yes! **Lunch, snacks, and drinks** will be provided daily. If you prefer specific food, you may bring your own. **We strongly recommend bringing a reusable water bottle** due to the summer heat. We will ensure all food allergies are noted and adhered to.

6. What should I wear?

- **Official academy shirts** will be provided and must be worn daily.
- **LTFR-issued shorts or appropriate athletic shorts** are acceptable.
- On days with **water-based activities**, cadets should bring **swim trunks and a swim shirt**.

7. What is the cost, and are there financial assistance options?

The cost to participate is **\$25**. If the fee presents a hardship, please reach out—we offer **fee waivers** to ensure all interested cadets have the opportunity to attend.

8. What is the deadline to apply?

The deadline to submit applications is **March 28, 2025**. Applications can be:

✉ **Emailed** to: pio@ltfr.org

📍 **Dropped off** at: Lake Travis Fire Rescue Administrative Offices, 15304 Pheasant Ln., Lakeway, TX 78734

9. How will I know if I was selected?

Cadets will receive a confirmation email by **April 18, 2025**. **A spot is not confirmed until this email is received.**

10. Will there be opportunities to stay involved after the academy?

Yes! We are working on ways for academy graduates to continue learning and engaging with LTFR. Stay tuned for more details!

For additional questions, please email pio@ltfr.org.

  **We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 Junior Firefighter Academy!**  