

ACADEMY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT - EXPLORER/CADET

This Participation Agreement (“Agreement”) relates to the application of _____ (“Applicant”)
Print name of Explorer/Cadet

to participate in the California Fire Exploring Academy (“Academy”) sponsored by the California Fire Exploring Association in cooperation with various host agencies.

1. **PARTIES BOUND:** This Agreement shall be reviewed and signed by Applicant, and, if Applicant is a minor, Applicant’s parents or guardians (“Undersigned”). This Agreement shall bind the Undersigned and his, her, or their heirs, personal representatives, successors, or assigns.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The Undersigned acknowledge that Applicant will be engaging in inherently dangerous, hazardous, and potentially life-threatening activities, including but not limited to: hands-on training with firefighting and heavy rescue apparatus, equipment, and tools, as well as live fire exercises. The Undersigned further acknowledge that injury or death may occur during the course of these activities.
3. **ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS:** The Undersigned agree(s) to assume all risk, responsibility, and liability (financial and legal) of every kind, nature, and description resulting from, arising out of, or connected with Applicant’s participation in the Academy. The Undersigned further agree(s) to waive and release in advance any claim, demand, or cause of action against the Academy, the California Fire Exploring Association, the host agency or agencies, or any of their employees or agents based on any injury or damage to person or property arising out of or connected with Applicant’s participation in the Academy.
4. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The Undersigned agree(s) to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Academy, the California Fire Exploring Association, the host agency or agencies, and any and all of their employees or agents for any loss, liability, damage, or expense based on any claim, demand, or cause of action made by any person or entity against the Academy, the California Fire Exploring Association, the host agency or agencies, or any of their employees or agents as a result of any injury or damage to person or property arising out of or connected with Applicant’s participation in the Academy.
5. **AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT:** The Undersigned agree(s) that in the event Applicant suffers injury or illness during the Academy, Academy staff shall have permission to provide treatment and/or consent to treatment for Applicant, including but not limited to: transportation to the most appropriate hospital emergency department, administration of reasonably necessary x-ray examination, anesthesia, diagnostic, medical, or surgical procedures, and admission for hospital care. The Undersigned further agree(s) that all medical costs and fees associated with such treatment shall be borne solely by the Undersigned.
6. **CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS:** The Undersigned certify(ies) that Applicant has no known health or fitness restrictions or defects which should preclude Applicant’s participation in the Academy. For PT ability see CFEA Physical Fitness standard under forms.
7. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUED EQUIPMENT:** The Undersigned agree(s) to accept full responsibility for unusual damage to or loss of protective clothing and equipment issued to Applicant (if any), including but not limited to damage caused by Applicant’s misuse or improper storage of said clothing or equipment and/or loss due to accident or theft, and to reimburse the Academy for any such damage or loss.
8. **EXECUTION:** By signing this Agreement, the Undersigned certify(ies) that he, she, or they has/have carefully read this Agreement, fully understand(s) its contents, and agree(s) to be bound by its terms.

Dated: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Phone: _____

Minor Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Minor Parent/Guardian Phone: _____