SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops - Thompson)

Junior Fire Crew Workshop

Application Package

April 14 – 17, 2027

8:00 am – 5:30 pm each day

Application due to school TNT Coordinator: February 17, 2027

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Introductory Letter

This program is designed for the participation of up to 18 high school students in grade 11 or 12 who are interested in firefighting or the forest service as a possible future career.

This year's Junior Fire Crew Workshop will be held at the BC Wildfire Centre (4000 Airport Rd) from **April 14 – 17, 2027. The hours are 8:00 am – 5:30 pm each day. Students will be transported to remote locations in BC Wildfire vehicles.**

The students that successfully complete each phase of the selection process will attend the workshop and experience a variety of activities that a fire crew trainee would experience, but in a capsulated format. Students will receive instruction and lectures in fire suppression, communication, teamwork, physical training, and a variety of other topics. They will be required to work in a team and partake in all the planned activities.

Students will need to provide their own footwear – a sturdy pair of outdoor/hiking boots. Meals, safety equipment, and all other necessary materials will be supplied. There is a cost of $175.00 per student. Due to volume of participants and/or location of the event, students with **dietary restrictions are asked to provide their own food to ensure their safety.**

Applications must be handed in to your school TNT Coordinator by **Wednesday, February 17, 2027**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Successful applicants will receive notification of acceptance by Wednesday, February 24, 2027, via email to the TNT Coordinators.

*Students are required to participate in a **mandatory beep test on Wednesday, March 3, 2027, at 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm,** in the Pineridge Education Centre gymnasium.

*Workshop expectations will be discussed at the **mandatory student/caregiver orientation on Wednesday, April 7, 2027, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, at the BC Wildfire Centre.** Any student not able to attend must make alternate arrangements with the District Vice Principal of Career Programs or be dismissed from the program.

This academy is an excellent learning experience but will be extremely challenging, both mentally and physically. This program is designed for students who are:

- Physically fit
- Team players
- Outdoor oriented

If you have any questions, please contact:

1. Your school's Trades and Transitions Coordinator
2. Kerry Gairdner, District Vice Principal – Career Programs
   School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)
   Phone: 250-299-4111 Email: kgairdner@sd73.bc.ca

Trades and Transitions
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
Career Development

Junior Fire Crew Workshop
Application Form

(Please print legibly in blue or black ink)

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

School Name _____ Date _____

School TNT Coordinator _____ Current Grade _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Legal Name _____
Legal First Name *Middle* *Legal Last Name*

Preferred Name(s) _____

Address _____

Mailing Address if different from above _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Student Cell Number _____ Gender Identity _____

Date of Birth *(yyyy-mm-dd)* _____ Age _____

Height _____feet_____inches Weight _____lbs

Student Personal Email _____

Have you applied to this program in previous years? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Please check the box if you wish to be self-identified as an Indigenous person:

☐ Status ☐ Non-Status ☐ Métis ☐ Inuit

Please select:

T-Shirt Size XXS XS S M L XL XXL

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Parent 1/Guardian's Name _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Cell _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION (continued):

Parent 2/Guardian's Name _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Cell _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____

In case of an emergency, we will contact the parents/guardians first. If they are unreachable, we will contact:

Emergency Contact Person _____

Relationship to Student _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Cell _____

Address _____ City _____

I/We certify the information given in this application is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and understand that, if selected for the Junior Fire Crew Workshop, falsified statements may be reason for removal. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and the references listed in this application.

_____ _____

Applicant Signature *Parent/Guardian Signature*

_____ _____

Date *Date*

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Application Checklist

For assistance or more information, please contact your TNT Coordinator or Counsellor.

Deliver completed application package and payment no later than **February 17, 2027,** to your TNT Coordinator.

All items below are required:		**Page(s)**	**Completed & Attached**
1	Student Application Form	1-2	❒
2	Application Checklist – this page	3	❒
3	Junior Fire Crew Workshop event fee - to be included with this application	4	❒
4	Student Research Activity	5-6	❒
5	Medical Questionnaire	7	❒
6	Teacher Statement of Recommendation	8	❒
7	TNT Coordinator Statement of Recommendation	9	❒
8	Parent/Guardian Permission and Liability Waiver	10	❒
9	School District No. 73 High Risk Field Trip Form	11	❒
10	Media Release Form	12	❒
11	Dates to Remember	13	Student to keep
	Attachments for Student to Include:		
12	Letter of reference from a community member *(cannot be family)*		❒
	Attachments for TNT Coordinator to Include:		❒
13	Transcript		❒
14	TNT Attendance Profile		❒
15	Conduct Report (last two years)		❒

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Event Fee

PAYMENT must be submitted **with** application.

I am paying the **$175 event fee** for _____ using the following method:
Student Name

❒ **Visa/Mastercard** *(Make credit card payment online with QR code)*	❒ **Cash** *(Attach exact change to this form and deliver in person to school TNT Coordinator. Return change may not be available.)*
❒ **Debit Card** *(In person at the School Board Office)*	❒ **Cheque** *(Make payable to SD73 and attach to this form)*
❒ **Invoice an organization** (ex. Band, MCFD, etc.) *(Contact Angela Pinette, Administrative Assistant, SD73 Career Development Department, at 778-471-6061, ext 211, to make arrangements)*	

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Refunds will be provided if student is not accepted.

For School District Use Only	Date:	Amt Rec'd:	Method:	Initials:

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Student Research Activity

My Career Goal is:_____

1. Describe the career you are interested in and why.

_____

_____

_____

2. What are some of the jobs/tasks you would do in this career?

_____

_____

_____

3. Describe any/all physical activities you participate in:

_____

_____

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4. Please list courses or skills you may have that relate to firefighting/forest firefighting:

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5. Why do you wish to take part in this event?

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6. In your own words, explain your view of the role of the forest service in society.

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Medical Questionnaire

Applicant Name _____ **School District No.** _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:

Forest Fire Fighters must maintain a high level of fitness to perform their duties effectively and professionally. At the Junior Fire Crew Workshop you will be expected to be in good condition and **injury free.**

The physical components of the Junior Fire Crew Workshop include a conditioning program, participation in team sport games, and simulations of fire suppression scenarios.

The students will be exposed to a simulated physical ability requirement evaluation, which is currently required for Fire Crew entry. This is a physically rigorous test. Completion of this test requires participants to perform at near maximum heart rates, challenge upper body strength, muscular endurance, and coordination skills.

It is the recommendation of the Junior Fire Crew Workshop to undergo a medical examination by a physician if the applicant or the guardians have any concerns.

Read and honestly answer each of the following questions. Any information regarding injuries must be volunteered. **If it is not, and the injury surfaces during the activities at the Junior Fire Crew Workshop, the student may be expelled.**

1. List any injuries or illnesses affecting physical activity.

_____

2. Have you been under a doctor's care for any reason within the preceding two (2) years? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, explain:

_____

3. Do you have a bone or joint problem that could be aggravated by physical activity? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, explain:

_____

4. Do you feel pain in your chest while you exercise physically? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, explain:

_____

5. Do you experience dizziness, shortness of breath, or do you ever lose consciousness? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, explain:

_____

6. Are you currently on medication, including but not limited to EpiPens / allergy medication? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, explain:

_____

7. Please list any allergies below *:

_____

*** Due to volume of participants and/or location of the event, students with dietary restrictions are asked to provide their own food to ensure their safety.**

_____ _____

Applicant Signature *Parent/Guardian Signature*

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Teacher Statement of Recommendation

Thank you for completing the Teacher Statement of Recommendation regarding the student named below. The information on this reference will be used to determine candidates for the Junior Fire Crew Workshop. A quality response to the general comments section is also important.

Student Name		**School**	
Teacher Name		**Teacher Phone**	
Subject		**Teacher Email**	
Signature		**Date**	

	POOR TO EXCELLENT				
	1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Attendance / Punctuality Comments:	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Work Ethic Comments:	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Attitude Comments:	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Initiative / Motivation Comments:	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Interpersonal Skills Comments:	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
General Comments:					

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TNT Coordinator Statement of Recommendation

Student Name	
School	

Please confirm and check the following statements:

- ❑ I have read over and attest to the completion of this application.
- ❑ I have read the conduct report (last two (2) years) and reviewed it with the principal if there are any issues.
- ❑ I recommend this student for the Junior Fire Crew Workshop.

Student Support: (student may require additional support from their school and/or district staff)

Please check:

- ❑ transportation
- ❑ emotional/social
- ❑ monetary (i.e. application fee)
- ❑ other _____

Does this student have an IEP?

❑ No ❑ Yes: category _____

TNT Coordinator Name	
TNT Coordinator Signature	
Date	

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Parent/Guardian Permission and Liability Waiver

Applicant Name _____ **School District No.** _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____ hereby give permission for _____ to participate in the KAMLOOPS JUNIOR FIRE CREW WORKSHOP work experience program. I understand they will be involved in a variety of activities, including observing demonstrations of actual fires being suppressed. I understand that they will be required to provide their own transportation to the site. I further acknowledge that some physical activity will be involved and state that _____ is in good physical condition and is capable of participating in strenuous physical activity. I also understand that a medical examination is required to ensure they will be capable of participating in the physical activities.

Further, the undersigned agrees to assume all risks of participating in the KAMLOOPS JUNIOR FIRE CREW WORKSHOP and does hereby remise, release, and forever discharge the BRITISH COLUMBIA WILDFIRE SERVICE, its servants and agents, from any and all manner of actions, debts, claims and demands, that said undersigned may have any reason of any manner arising out of the said activities organized by the BRITISH COLUMBIA WILDFIRE SERVICE, KAMLOOPS during the KAMLOOPS JUNIOR FIRE CREW WORKSHOP.

In witness whereof I have set my hand this _____ day of _____, 20_____ at the City of _____, Province of British Columbia.

_____ *Witness*

_____ *Applicant Signature*

_____ *Witness*

_____ *Parent/Guardian Signature*

School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)
HIGHER RISK SECONDARY FIELD TRIP
INFORMATION & CONSENT FORM

Principal's approval: K Gairdner

Please return before: **February 17, 2027**

Activity: **SD73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Junior Fire Crew Workshop** **Teacher's Name**: **Kerry Gairdner**

Location: **BC Wildfire Centre (4000 Airport Rd)** **Date(s):** **April 14-17, 2027**

Time (s): Departure from school: **N/A** **Arrival back at school**: **N/A**

Overview Itinerary for the Field Trip Program: **Four (4) Day On-Site Junior Fire Crew Workshop 8:00 am – 5:30 pm each day Students will be transported to remote locations from BC Wildfire Centre (4000 Airport Rd) in BC Wildfire vehicles.**

Transportation:
☐ Walking to and from the activity
☒ Driven in private vehicle
☐ Transported by school bus
☐ Drivers required

(Volunteer drivers must be at least 21 yrs old & have at least $1,000,000.00 liability insurance. There must be a seatbelt for each child & no air bag on front passenger side unless the passenger is 12 yrs of age or older. Drivers must have completed a SD#73 volunteer driver form.)

Parent Helpers Required: ☐ Yes ☒ No **Lunch Required:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Fee To Be Paid: ☒ Yes ☐ No **Amount required:** **$175.00** *(payable to SD73)*

PERMISSION SLIP

The following statement must be signed by the parent/guardian for students participating in Higher Risk Field Trips:
I am aware and understand that participation in the Higher Risk Field Trip involves certain inherent risks, dangers and hazards which may result in serious personal injury or death or other loss or damage to property. I am aware that downhill skiing, Nordic track skiing, snowboarding and snow-blading, ice skating, road cycling, mountain biking, adventure hiking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming in natural settings, wilderness orienteering and residential camping are dangerous activities and that in addition to the usual risks inherent in these activities, certain additional dangers and risks including, but not limited to, varying snow, ice and visibility conditions and the danger and risk of collision with natural and man-made objects. For International travel, I have been informed that the Higher Risk Field Trip may become a dangerous activity due to global unrest. Further I agree that there may be other risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) "the Board", its employees and agents ("the Releasees"). From any loss, claim, or demand for any and all negligence arising as a result of the Student's involvement or participation in the Higher Risk Field Trip except where such negligence is caused by the Releasees. I understand and accept that the Board and its employees and agents may at any time cancel the Higher Risk Field Trip for appropriate reasons including travel advisories indicating international air travel is unsafe or the destination is unsafe. Accordingly, I agree to waive any and all claims against the Board, its employees and agents for any monetary loss arising from the cancellation of the Higher Risk Field Trip. I understand that during the Higher Risk Field Trip the Student may incur additional unforeseen financial expenses required for reasons of safety and I agree to waive and reimburse for any and all claims against the Board, its employees and agents for any such expenses that are reasonably required. Both my child and I understand that Board Policy #240 "Student Behaviour – Discipline" applies on all field trips. The use of alcohol or drugs and or inappropriate student conduct may result in suspension from school. Students engaging in these behaviours are liable to be sent home at their families' expense.

I have read and am informed about the proposed field trip for the **SD73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Junior Fire Crew Workshop which will be held at the BC Wildfire Centre from April 14-17, 2027**. I request that my child _____ participate in this trip. I understand there is a cost involved and have enclosed $ 175.00 with this form. I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above named student, request that my child be allowed to participate in the trip.

Note any medical conditions or medication the staff or supervisors should be aware of: _____

_____

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Please supply the school with: Family Physician, Care Card Number and Emergency Numbers if they are not already on file.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Office Use Only: Fee for Field Trip Received: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** **Amount:** _____ **Initials:** _____

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Media Release Form

(Please print)

I, _____, Parent/Guardian of _____,

hereby give my permission and consent to having my child's photo taken for program publicity and media relations during the Junior Fire Crew Workshop.

Media coverage of this event could include my child's photo, name, and their comments. This information could show up on BC Wildfire Service advertising or on School District No. 73's website or any of the school's websites.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Dates to Remember

Please detach and keep for your reference.

Dates for Junior Fire Crew Workshop:	
Student Application deadline	February 17, 2027
Successful Applicants Notified by TNT Coordinator	February 24, 2027
Mandatory Beep Test	March 3, 2027 4:00 – 5:00 pm Pineridge Education Centre gymnasium 1770 Springview Pl
Parent and Student Orientation	April 7, 2027 6:00 – 7:00 pm BC Wildfire Station 4000 Airport Rd
Junior Fire Crew Event	April 14 – 17, 2027 8:00 am – 5:30 pm BC Wildfire Station 4000 Airport Rd