

New Jersey Fire Camp 2022

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I. Program Mission Statement

This field-based program will provide opportunities for students and early-career natural resource professionals to develop technical skills through the ecological application of prescribed fire.

II. Timeline

- Jan 21: application window opens
- Feb 28: application window closes at 11:59 pm
- Mar 14: selected participants are notified
- Apr 6: Orientation Webinar
- Apr 15: registration fee due
- May 15 to 21: NJ Fire Camp 2022

III. Session Description and Objectives

The New Jersey Forest Fire Service, in cooperation with the North Atlantic Fire Science Exchange, will be hosting the New Jersey Fire Camp in 2022 to build participants' knowledge and skills in fire science and management. The program allows up to 12 persons to participate in a 5-day session that explores various prescribed fire applications for hazardous fuel reduction, habitat management, silvicultural and/or other ecological objectives. Through this hands-on program, participants may have opportunities to work on individual tasks in open National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) Position Task Books (PTB), hone technical skills relating to prescribed fire application, and expand their understanding of fuels, fire behavior, and fire ecology. Participants will visit several ecological community types specific to New Jersey (e.g. Pinelands, Pine Plains, Highlands, Tidal), and engage with fire practitioners, fire scientists, foresters and other natural resource professionals to supplement fire effects and fire use learning.

The fee for Camp participation, which will cover meals, lodging, and all Camp activities, is \$300. Financial assistance is available by writing to NAFSEhelp@gmail.com.

IV. Participation Requirements

All prospective participants must submit an application form to be considered for the Camp. For the 2022 Fire Camp, program participants will be local to New Jersey and surrounding states. In addition, Camp participants will be required to:

- pay a \$300 Camp fee by April 15 at 5 pm ET. Financial assistance is available by contacting NAFSEhelp@gmail.com (once accepted).
- stay at YMCA Camp of the Pines in Medford, NJ, for the duration of the Camp.
- have completed at least the online portion of NWCG courses S-130, S-190, L-180, and ICS 100. The field experience gained at Camp can be used to fulfill the field training requirement associated with FFT2 qualification.
- provide their own transportation to and from field sites for the duration of the Camp. Carpooling can be arranged upon arrival and appropriate COVID precautions will be required of passengers in shared vehicles.
- provide appropriate documentation in order to be hired by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Forest Fire Management. This will allow for liability coverage for all participants during burn events.
- be fully vaccinated per the latest CDC guidelines and fill out a "Fit-for-duty" form before the Camp. Upon arrival, participants will be required to continue documenting their fit-for-duty status and shall not report to any activity, burn, or event if they do not pass the self-check at any point prior to or during the Camp.
- follow all CDC guidelines and the most current COVID protocols set by the state of New Jersey, including appropriate quarantining and ending Camp participation if necessary.
- report to Camp "fire ready." The Camp will function on the premise that each day will be a potential prescribed burning day. If you are accepted and don't have all the appropriate fire gear and personal protection equipment (PPE), then you will be assigned the required PPE for the duration of the session and will be responsible for returning it to the same fire cache it was checked out from.
- purchase and bring to Camp fire-safe boots that are compliant with the National Fire Protection Association's Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting (additional guidance will be provided upon acceptance).
- review several publications for pre-learning prior to Camp arrival (materials will be provided upon acceptance).
- attend a pre-camp orientation on April 6 at 4 pm ET.

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