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VCFD to Host Junior Firefighter Academy Sessions Again this Summer!

Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) will again host its very popular free Junior Firefighter Academy this summer for girls and boys ages 13 -16. VCFD will offer three, 5-day sessions taught by VCFD firefighters and feature hands-on activities, and interactive learning and field trips.

The week-long sessions are a great first step toward the VCFD Explorer Program because

participants will learn what it takes to be a fire firefighter and be introduced to other fire safety careers such as Paramedic, Fire Inspector, Fire Prevention Officer and Dispatch, just to name a few.

Students will learn about personal protective gear, tools, hoses, fire behavior, Hands-Only CPR, and basic first aid. The academy will conclude with a graduation ceremony and family lunch each Friday.

DATES: Session 1: July 18 – July 22, 2022

Session 2: July 25 – July 29, 2022 Session 3: Aug 1 – Aug 5, 2022

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except for Friday's session, which will end at 1:30 p.m.)

LOCATION: Ventura County Fire Services Regional Training Center – Camarillo Airport

102 Durley Ave, Camarillo, Ca. 93010

REGISTRATION: Registration is closed for 2022 sessions. Interested applicants can find more information for next year's academy at https://vcfd.org/junior-fire-academy.

Specific topics to be covered will include fire department organization, fire equipment of all types, fire station routine and tour, structure fire and brush fire suppression strategy and tactics, air operations, emergency medical operations, dispatch services and fire prevention activities.

For questions, please e-mail <u>JFA@ventura.org</u> or contact VCFD Community Education at (805) 389-9747.