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Igniting possibilities for future female firefighters: Camp Ignite applications now open

Girls who dream of becoming firefighters have an opportunity to learn more about their future career at a four-day camp this August.

Applications are now available for British Columbia girls in Grades 11 and 12 (ages 16 to 18) to attend Camp Ignite on the Lower Mainland. Thanks to BC sponsors and local fire departments, there are no costs to participate.

Camp Ignite provides an introduction to the world of firefighting and runs August 6 to 9 this year. Firefighter gear, accommodation, meals, activity fees and transportation during the camp are provided.

“All you have to do is show up with a great attitude and a sense of adventure!” says fire chief Thomas Doherty.

Along with up-close experiences related to firefighting, participants learn about fitness, nutrition, health and teamwork.

“Camp Ignite is inspiring and connects girls with what’s important to them, even beyond what they learn about firefighting,” Doherty adds. *“This camp reminds girls they have limitless opportunities, demonstrating that anything is possible.”*

Applications are available in local high schools, from the fire department and online at <http://campignite.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-Application.pdf>

As part of the application, applicants must prepare a short essay on mentorship.

Application deadline is May 1, 2020. Email questions and applications to thomas.doherty@campbellriver.ca or bring paper copies to the Campbell River Fire Hall downtown at 675 13th Ave.

View a slideshow of previous camp participants at <http://youtu.be/-yjTNn5BsBg>

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