



PERMIT FEES FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

The Colorado Springs Fire Department’s Division of the Fire Marshal issues approximately 20 bonfire and pyrotechnic display permits on an annual basis for our K-12 educational institutions. These permit fees are typically paid for using student body/student council funds rather than by the school district or the individual school’s operating budget.

The CSFD is pleased to announce a new option for schools to offset the expense of these permit fees. Students may volunteer their time in support of CSFD’s fire prevention efforts in lieu of incurring a cost for bonfire and pyrotechnic permits. Volunteer tasks may include:

- Assembling evacuation kits
- Putting together safety message marketing collateral packets/folders
- Participating in research focus groups
- Participating in public safety messaging for their school

Volunteer hours completed during a given school year will be credited toward any fees incurred during the same school year. Volunteer hours can be used to offset all, or part of, the total cost of the permit. Funding credits will not roll over from school year to year. The ability to volunteer in lieu of payment is not guaranteed, but on an “as available” basis according to individual program needs.

The volunteer hours will be calculated at the federal volunteer labor rate of \$25.43 per hour, per person. For example, it would take approximately 18 volunteer hours to cover the cost of the bonfire permit fee and standby fee of \$467: 6 students volunteering for 3 hours each would cover the fee.

PERMIT TYPE	PERMIT FEE	NO FIRE RESTRICTIONS/BAN	BURN RESTRICTIONS	BURN BAN
Bonfire Permit	\$146	Allowed with permit	No permits issued	Prohibited
Pyrotechnics	\$382	Allowed with permit	Permits may be issued	Prohibited
Model Rocket	NO FEE	No permit required	Allowed with permit	Prohibited

Permits will be issued based on current fire conditions, restrictions, or bans and are subject to change. Upon completion of the bonfire plan submittal for a permit, a fire department apparatus standby fee may be required to be paid at the rate of \$323 for 2 hours. If your school is interested in this program, please contact: Amy Sutherland at 719-385-7354 or amy.sutherland@coloradosprings.gov

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