

Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department 2024 Fire Prevention at Home Bingo Challenge!

Family Guide

Complete Challenges are return cards by October 20!

Please read this entire family leader's guide. The most successful families at this event will have thoroughly read and attained a complete understanding of all the sections covered in this Family Leader's Guide.



Thank you so much for joining us for the 2024 Winfield VFD Fire Prevention Bingo Challenge!

Overview

This year, we have created a list of activities for youth to do at home or in the community with the help of their guardian or responsible adults. The activities are laid out on a "BINGO" card. Youth will have from registration until October 20 to complete as many activities as possible to obtain as many BINGO's as desired.

The events can be completed in one day or over several days. For judging, we ask that you send a picture of your completed bingo cards to Lisa.Wilson@winfieldvfd.org by 12pm on October 20, 2024. Mailed cards (mailed to Winfield VFD, C/O Lisa Wilson, 1320 W. Old Liberty Road, Sykesville MD 21784) must be postmarked by October 15, 2023. Please do not attempt to drop off at the firehouse as no one is guaranteed to be there due to call response. No cards will be accepted after October 21, 2023.

Participants

Each bingo board will be submitted per person. If youth decide to work together, they should each be registered and should mark the appropriate space on their own bingo board. At the end of the competition, each participant should have a bingo board for entry into the prize drawing. The activities and prizes are geared towards elementary aged youth, but any youth is welcome to participate.

Registration Process

There is no registration this year. All documents can be found online at the website. Completed cards should be returned via email to the department.

Prizes

While anyone can participate in the activities and is welcome to win the drawing, prizes must be picked up from Winfield VFD within 30 days. Prizes will not be mailed. For each Bingo received on your card, you will get one entry into our prize drawing. If you complete the entire board, that is the equivalent of 12 Bingo's. Participants who fill the card will be given a bonus of 3 extra chances, for a total of 15 chances.

Winners will be drawn during the Winfield Fall Festival, on October 26, 2024, around 1pm.

Information Link: https://www.winfieldvfd.org/content/training/

Questions: As our station staff are busy preparing for response to emergency calls and these activities are conducted by volunteers, please email any questions or concerns to Lisa.Wilson@winfieldvfd.org

CHALLENGE OVERVIEWS

Below you will find a description of each challenge that can be completed to mark off spaces on your bingo board. If you only complete one activity from the challenge, you can pick which of the boxes on the bingo board you mark. To mark off another box from the same category, you can complete another challenge from that category.

Preparing for the Call



- Make a list of emergency numbers and discuss with your family where the list should be kept.
- Talk with your family about people who could help you if a guardian is not available.
- Memorize your quardian(s) phone number.
- With the help of a guardian, make sure your house numbers are visible on the outside of your home so fire department staff can easily find you in a time of need.
- With the help of a guardian, watch the "What to Expect when you Call 911" Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H99bMp6fOb4
- Memorize your home address to be able to provide to 911 if needed in an emergency.

First Aid



- Put together a simple home first-aid/fire prevention kit.
- Explain to a family member what you included and how to use each item correctly.
- Demonstrate to a family member how to treat at least two of the following: Cuts and scratches, burns, and scalds, sunburn, Blisters on the hand or foot, Tick bites, Bites and stings of other insects, Venomous snakebites, Nosebleed, Frostbite
- With the help of a guardian, watch the "Paws for Action" video created by our fire department members found on the Winfield Website.

Getting To Know Your Neighbors!



- Attend a station tour at Winfield Fire Department
- With the help of a guardian, watch the "<u>First Responders</u>" video created by our fire department members found on the Winfield Website.
- Ask a Winfield Fire Department member a question about the fire safety

Get Out, Stay Out!



- Create a fire escape plan for your home
- With your family, get to know 2 ways out of each room in your home
- With your family, practice the fire escape plan during the day
- With your family, practice the fire escape plan in the evening

Smoke Alarms



- With the help of your guardian, make sure there is a working smoke alarm on every floor of your home (it's also recommended to have one at each bedroom)
- With the help of your guardian, check the batteries in the smoke alarms in your home (see smoke alarm law on resource page)
- With the help of your guardian, test the smoke alarms in your home

Close Before You Doze



- This one is for the guardians, view the video on the importance of sleeping with your door closed here (https://vimeo.com/293952932) and mark off two boxes for this category!
- Sleep with your bedroom door closed
- Practice closing your bedroom door each time you leave your room

Get Low!



- Complete the fire safety maze during the Winfield Station Tour!
- Practice getting low and escaping a (pretend) smoke-filled room
- Ask a guardian to blow bubbles about 2 feet high and practice crawling under the bubbles

Exit Signs



- With a guardian, take a walk around a location, such as to a store, community center, or your church, and hunt for EXIT signs.
- Create your own special EXIT signs as a project.
- Label the exits in your home

What's Hot!



- With the help of your guardian, find 5 things in your home that are too hot to touch anytime
- During the Winfield station tour, play the "What's Hot, What's Not" game
- Create a list of 5 things that are hot, and 5 things that are not
- With the help of your guardian, find 5 things in your home that could start a fire that you should not touch without a guardian

Fire Safety



- Read a book about safety (hint, you can get one from Winfield VFD!)
- With the help of a guardian, watch the "10 Steps to Take in an Emergency" Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di4-PV0TVbc
- Color a page about fire safety

Resources

Winfield Community Risk Reduction Page: https://www.winfieldvfd.org/content/training/

NFPA Sparky the Fire Dog: www.sparky.org

NFPA Fire Prevention Week: https://www.nfpa.org/fpw

Article on Maryland's Smoke Alarm Law: https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/fire/fire-marshal/smoke-alarm-law

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