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The 2016 University of Exploring will take place October 21, 22, and 23 at the New Hampshire Fire Academy, 110 Smokey Bear Blvd (off Rt. 106) in Concord, NH. The cost to attend the University is **\$75.00 for each Explorer** and includes:

- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday
- Breakfast and lunch on Sunday
- University of Exploring t-shirt.

Explorers will need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow, towel, toiletries, and the equipment needed for the classes they will be taking (please review the course descriptions for more details).

Registration will take place from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, October 21st. Please plan on eating before you arrive, as dinner is not provided Friday night.

University is limited to 65 Explorers because of housing capabilities of the NH Fire Academy. Please return your registrations promptly to improve your chances of being accepted into the program of your choice. Registrations should be returned to the University of Exploring in one of the following methods, and **please enclose your payment with your application. Checks shall be made payable to the "DWC" or "Daniel Webster Council"**.

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Email:

inspectorred@yahoo.com

DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE NH FIRE ACADEMY, OR TO THE DANIEL WEBSTER COUNCIL OFFICE

The University is a very popular event, and often has a waiting list. Therefore, **we are unable to offer a refund if a cancellation takes place after October 13, 2016.** We are also unable to provide program T-shirt orders after this date.

All Explorers will be emailed a confirmation with their classes prior to arrival. **PLEASE** make sure you list an email address on your applications. **Confirmations will be sent by email after October 14, 2016.**

Please read the course descriptions carefully. Explorers will not be allowed to change classes. We will make every attempt to give explorers their first choice of classes.

If you have any questions about the University of Exploring or the programs we offer, please feel free to contact me at (603) 670-4785.

Sincerely,

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PLEASE PRINT (ALL portions are required to be completed)

AGENCY: _____ POST #: _____ Age: _____

Applicant Name: _____ DOB: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

T-Shirt Size (Please Circle): S M L XL XXL Other: _____ Circle One: Male Female

Cost: \$75.00 per Explorer, Checks shall be made payable to: “DWC” or Daniel Webster Council

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Alternate Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Important Information for Parents and Explorers

Drop off time: Friday, October 21 between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the NH Fire Academy.

Pick up time: Sunday, October 23 between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm at the NH Fire Academy.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) **Sleeping bag,**
- 2) **Pillow,**
- 3) **Personal hygiene supplies (including towels and soap),**
- 4) **Any medications (must be turned into staff upon arrival),**
- 5) **All equipment listed with the classes they wish to attend,**
- 6) **Students are required to wear at a minimum, black shoes/boots, navy blue pants, and Post / Department T-Shirt.**

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Photo Release

I hereby assign and grant to the University of Exploring and the Exploring Division, Daniel Webster Council the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me by the University of Exploring or the Exploring Division, Daniel Webster Council and I hereby release the University of Exploring and the Exploring Division, Daniel Webster Council from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the University of Exploring and the Exploring Division, Daniel Webster Council and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Signature of Explorer: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

(If under 18)



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MEDICAL INFORMATION

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Explorer Name: _____ DOB: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

ALLERGIES: Food, plants, medicines, insect bites. Yes No Explain: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION: Check all items that apply, past or present, to your health history

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Abnormal Heart Rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bleeding Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fainting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Convulsions/Seizures/Head Injury	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kidney Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Infection/Illness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF INSURANCE CARD.
IF FAMILY HAS NO MEDICAL INSURANCE, please circle "NONE."**

Explain any "Yes" answers: _____

Date of last physical exam: _____

Primary Care Physician's name: _____

Primary Care Physician's Telephone #: _____

List **ALL** medications to be taken during the activity: _____

List **ALL** medications taken in the 30 days prior to arrival: _____

List **ANY** physical or behavioral conditions that may affect or limit full participation: _____

Medical Form Page 1 – Must be returned



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List **ANY** medical or behavioral incidents which have occurred during similar training events: _____

List **ALL** medical conditions that the applicant has, or has under gone treatment for:

Special Dietary needs: _____

Has your doctor ever said that you have any medical condition that would prevent you from doing any physical activity? **Yes / No** If yes, please explain:

Do you lose your balance, get dizziness, or ever lose consciousness for any reason? **Yes / No** If yes, please explain:

Do you have any bone, or joint problems that could be made worse due to physical activity? **Yes / No** If yes, please explain:

Do you feel any pain in your chest when you're active, or have you had any chest pain from any physical activity in the past month? **Yes / No** If yes, please explain:



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ALL medications, including over the counter drugs, shall be declared and turned over to program staff when you arrive at University of Exploring. Program Staff will ensure all medications are immediately available to all students and properly distributed to the right person.

Permission to Treat in the event of a Medical Emergency

I understand the importance of providing accurate medical information, and I certify to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and that my son / daughter is in good health and I know of no physical limitations that would prevent his / her full participation in this program.

Please accurately list all medications and medical issues on the Medical Information form.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the licensed health-care practitioner or facility selected by the Director of University of Exploring to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child.

Signature of Explorer: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
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Directions to the New Hampshire Fire Academy

FROM THE SOUTH

Take I-93 to Concord, NH to Exit 13, Manchester Street. Take right off of off ramp; go over the bridge to 1st set of lights. Turn left at the lights onto Old Turnpike Road. Follow Old Turnpike Road to traffic light at the intersection with Airport Road. Go straight ahead on Regional Drive past the Air National Guard Armory and through the intersection with Chennell Drive. At the next set of lights, cross Route 106 and follow signs to Smokey Bear Blvd. Follow to end of the road.

FROM THE NORTH

Take I-93 to Concord, NH to Exit 13, Manchester Street. Take left off of off ramp; go over the bridge to 1st set of lights. Turn left at the lights onto Old Turnpike Road. Follow Old Turnpike Road to traffic light at the intersection with Airport Road. Go straight ahead on Regional Drive past the Air National Guard Armory and through the intersection with Chennell Drive. At the next set of lights, cross Route 106 and follow signs to Smokey Bear Blvd. Follow to end of the road.

FROM THE EAST

Route 4 West (at the I-393 intersection) go straight on Route 9. At first set of lights take a left. At the fourth set of lights, go left. The road will end at the fire academy.

FROM THE WEST

Take Route 9 East to I-89 East. Take I-93 to Concord, NH to Exit 13, Manchester Street. Take right off of off ramp; go over the bridge to 1st set of lights. Turn left at the lights onto Old Turnpike Road. Follow Old Turnpike Road to traffic light at the intersection with Airport Road. Go straight ahead on Regional Drive past the Air National Guard Armory and through the intersection with Chennell Drive. At the next set of lights, cross Route 106 and follow signs to Smokey Bear Blvd. Follow to end of the road.

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COURSE SELECTION

(Must be completed and returned in order to attend)

Please enter the classes you would like to take by 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices. (Refer to the Course Descriptions for more detailed information on prerequisite training and equipment.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Your first choice does **NOT** guarantee that you will be selected for that program. We do try to give everyone their first choice. If you do not select a second or third choice, that decision will be made by the Director in an effort to fill other classes.

Saturday, October 22

Classes:

- Rope Rescue Systems (2 Day program)
- Engine Company Operations
- Leadership in Public Safety
- Basic Firearms
- Advanced Firearms
- On Duty as a Police Officer
- Crime Scene to Court Room (2 Day Program)

Sunday, October 23

Classes:

- Rope Rescue Systems (2 Day Program)
- Ladder Company Operations
- Fire Investigations
- Crime Scene to Court Room (2 Day Program)
- Officer Survival – Active Shooter
- Use of Force in Law Enforcement



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TWO DAY PROGRAMS

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Rope Rescue Techniques: (Saturday & Sunday)

This program will illustrate the proper methods in tying knots, creating hauling systems and safe rappelling systems. Students will be taught the fundamentals and safety factors involved in fire service rope rescue operations. This class is physically challenging and will involve several practical evolutions involving hauling systems and actual rappelling from various heights. ***Students are required to provide a fire service helmet and CLEAN, full fingered leather type gloves (fire suppression gloves are NOT acceptable) to participate in this program. Maximum 10 students.***

Crime Scene to Court Room: (Saturday & Sunday)

This program will illustrate what it's like for a police detective to take an investigation from the crime scene to the court room for prosecution. Students will be taught the fundamentals for processing a crime scene, collecting evidence, obtaining search and arrest warrants, and then finally presenting a case for prosecution.

ONE DAY PROGRAMS

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Engine Company Operations: (Saturday)

The purpose of this class is to illustrate the proper techniques for efficient engine company operations. Students will have a brief overview of engine company responsibilities and discuss / practice techniques used to complete these tasks. The practical evolutions will consist of proper hand line advancement and placement for effective interior operations including multi-level hose line management. Practical evolutions are very physically challenging and will include the use of live training fires. ***Students MUST BE proficient with the use of Self - Contained Breathing Apparatus to participate in this course. Students will be tested Friday evening to ensure their skill level is adequate for the program. Students are required to provide full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus, including a spare SCBA bottle to participate in this program NO EXCEPTIONS. Maximum 16 students.***

Truck Company Operations: (Sunday)

The purpose of this class is to illustrate the proper techniques for efficient truck company operations. Students will have a brief overview of truck company responsibilities and discuss / practice techniques used to complete these tasks. The practical evolutions will consist of forcible entry, victim search and removal, proper ladder selection, placement, use and ventilation techniques. This program will also cover vehicle extrication. Practical evolutions are physically



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Fire / Arson Investigation: (Sunday)

This course will discuss the principles, methods and procedures used in the field of fire investigation for determining the origin and cause of fire. Arson laws, ways of detecting the crime of Arson, as well as the collection and preservation of evidence will be covered. ***Protective clothing is not required.***

Leadership in Public Safety: (Saturday)

This program will focus on the fundamentals of leadership and how it is applied in public safety agencies. The course will cover the leadership principles, and the roles and responsibilities of public safety agency supervisors and command staff. Students will be required to participate in group projects and team building exercises during the class.



Basic Firearms: (Saturday)

This program is a basic firearm's class. The student will be taught the basic mechanics of a firearm, how to hold the weapon, proper stance when firing, firearm safety, and the use of force continuum. The class will also involve time at the firearms range, where students will place what they have learned in the classroom to use.

The lead instructor for this program is retired Sgt. Patrick Poirier from the New Hampshire State Police. Sgt. Poirier is a Master Firearms Instructor and served as the lead firearms instructor and armorer for the New Hampshire Department of Safety until his retirement. Sgt. Poirier is also an instructor for the rifle instructor's program at West Point. Sgt. Poirier served 23 years with the New Hampshire State Police and served with the United States Army, Special Forces prior to joining the New Hampshire State Police.

Advanced Firearms: (Saturday)

This program is an advanced firearm's class. The student will review basic firearm safety as well as getting to shoot. Students will work on strong hand weak hand shooting techniques, as well as proper stance (supported and unsupported). This program is sponsored by Sig-Arms of Exeter, New Hampshire. **Students will be required to show proof that they have completed a Basic Firearms class before being allowed to participate in the program.**



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On Duty as Police Officer: (Saturday)

This program is designed to illustrate what a police officer might do on a typical patrol shift. The student will learn police procedures, arrest procedures, motor vehicle stops, as well as other topics. *Students MUST bring appropriate clothing for being outdoors in all weather conditions.*

Officer Survival – Active Shooter: (Sunday)

This program will place the student in real life situations which law enforcement officers might face every day. This program is physically challenging and will involve several practical evolutions. *Students will be required to provide long sleeve, heavy weight shirts, pants, gloves and groin protection. Failure to have required safety equipment will not participate.*

Use of Force in Law Enforcement: (Sunday)

The purpose of this class is to demonstrate how and when non-lethal force is used by today's police officers. Students will learn New Hampshire's laws that govern the use of force by Law Enforcement officers and how the use of force continuum works. This class will include practical sessions involving defensive tactics, batons, OC spray, and a Tazer demonstration. ***Proper clothing required (Long pants, shirt, closed shoes).*** The lead instructors for this program are Corporal Brett Wells, Brentwood Police Department, and Sergeant Jason Laroche, Fremont Police Department.



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Advanced Firearms Class Certification

Explorers wishing to participate in the Advanced Firearms class **must complete and return** one of the following two prerequisites:

- *Have received at least five hours of prior instruction in, but not limited to, fundamentals of marksmanship, firearms safety, and range operations, and have fired at least 100 rounds during this course of instructions.*
- *Have participated in the Basic Firearms Program at the University of Exploring within the past two years.*

Please complete the following form if you wish to apply for the Advanced Firearms class.

Final determination of eligibility to participate in Advanced Firearms lies with the lead Instructor.

PISTOL CERTIFICATION FOR ADVANCED FIREARMS CLASS (Please complete appropriate section)

Explorer Name: _____

Post No: _____ Sponsoring Department: _____

Firearms Safety / NRA Instructor Certification:

I hereby certify that the above Explorer has completed at least five hours of instruction in, but not limited to, fundamentals of marksmanship, firearms safety, and range operations, and have fired at least one hundred (100) rounds during the course of the instruction.

Certified Firearms Instructor Name: _____

Certified Firearms Instructor Signature: _____

Advisor Name: _____

Advisor Signature: _____

University of Exploring – Basic Firearms Program Class Completion:

I hereby certify that I participated in the **Basic Firearms Program** at the University of Exploring in (circle one):

2013

2014

Explorer Signature: _____

Note: The Advisor, Explorer, and/or department may be held liable for misinformation on this form.



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Firearms Range Liability Release and Claims Waiver

(Actual range location has not been determined at this time. Range name will be completed at registration.)

I understand that by signing this document, I agree to release the **Pioneer Sportsman Club**, its Officers, Directors, Members, their heirs, administrators and executors from all Liability, demand, action or right of action, of whatever kind or nature, either in law of equity, arising from or by reason of death or any bodily injury, of personal injuries know or unknown, or property damage resulting or to result from any incident which may occur as a result of my and/or any other persons participation in any club sponsored event or use of the facilities.

In signing I do so for myself, my spouse, legal representatives, heirs and assigns. I agree that this release and waiver agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and that if any portion of it is held invalid, the balance will, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

(Signature and Date)

(Print Name)

(Parent/Guardian of Minor)

(Witness Signature and Date)

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University of Exploring Physical Fitness Proficiency Award

Introduction: Open to all Explorers attending the University of Exploring, we are offering this new program to encourage Explorers to maintain a healthy lifestyle and physical fitness. Public Safety officials have become concerned about the degradation of physical fitness in adults interested in becoming law enforcement officers, or fire fighters. These officials recognize how critical physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle are to all public safety professions. The lack of physical fitness and an unhealthy lifestyle leads to a host of performance and health issues that negatively impact the individual, the agency, and the community; not to mention the debilitating financial effect to pension plans caused by avoidable disability claims and health relate insurance costs. This award also helps to fulfill the Life Skills component ("to develop physical and mental fitness") of the five areas of emphasis for Exploring.

Background: Any number of national studies have shown that a fair portion of adults are not properly focused in regard to their physical fitness and overall health. A lack of physical activity and a disconnect with nutritional knowledge have been noted. As a result, many persons required to perform job entry level physical agility tests have displayed less than stellar scores. These results have not only been found in law enforcement, the fire service, the military, and other career fields. It is not within the scope of this award to physically develop an Explorer to the degree that they might pass any job physical fitness testing. The award is intended to reward those Explorers who exhibit the personal characteristics of practicing healthy lifestyle habits and lifestyle management. The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) graciously accepted the job of assisting in the creation of the criteria in which any Explorer can achieve success.

Award Concept: FLETC and the IACP developed a physical and cognitive assessment that would challenge Explorers; be non-exclusionary in nature to gender, age, facilities and equipment availability; and be long lasting. This award rewards those Explorers who show a level of understanding of the importance of physical fitness through testing. This award is not created to separate the "most fit" from the "unfit", it is intended to be a reward for those Explorers engaged in and practicing lifestyle habits which promote physical fitness as a lifelong pursuit. The award has two levels: Fitness Award and Distinguished Fitness Award. The Fitness Award consists of base line achievement that can be accomplished with moderate effort but should require practice of physical form, and reading/studying. The Distinguished Fitness Award consists of greater achievement that may take extra physical preparation, and requires a higher score on the cognitive assessment side.

The program uses (6) assessment tools: Curl- Ups, Push-Ups, 1 Mile Run, Pull-Ups, Flexed-Arm Hang, Shuttle Run.

Testing for this award is open to all Explorers attending, but it is not a required portion of the program, or any of the classes we offer. Each Explorer will be asked if they wish to participate Friday evening, and testing will be conducted both Friday and Saturday nights.