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2020 WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTER BOOT CAMP – General Information

Overview

Our Boot Camps are designed by experienced Wildland Fire Fighter professionals and instructed by qualified and recognized industry experts. In just 8 days successful students can earn 22 industry-related certificates suitable for wildland fire fighting (including mandated Type 2/3 Wildland Fire Fighter training) and supplemental forestry work. Students also learn valuable life skills including healthy eating, fitness, employability, and communal living. No experience necessary to register. Must be 16 years or older (with guardian consent).

Students should expect 10-12 hours of training per day. Students must provide two pieces of ID (one photo ID), a completed Physician's Release Form and completed Par-Q and You Form (forms available on our website) on Day 1 of Boot Camp or will be unable to attend Boot Camp. On Day 1 of Boot Camp, students are required to take our WFX-FIT Practice Test. Information about WFX-FIT and how to prepare for the test can be found on www.wfx-fit.ca.

Dates

Wildland Fire Fighter Boot Camp 1: March 15-22, 2020

Wildland Fire Fighter Boot Camp 2: April 19-26, 2020

Location

Camp Owaissi

2411 Westside Place

Kelowna, British Columbia



Fees

Boot Camp fees are \$2,500+\$125gst per person and includes training, lodging and food for the duration of Boot Camp. A 50% non-refundable deposit is required to hold seat – the remainder is due before Day 1 of Boot Camp. Group (10+) discount rates are available.

Email info@ridervertures.ca to request a group rate estimate.

Outcomes

Successful students achieve 22 certificates and can be employed as an entry-level Type 2 or 3 Wildland Fire Fighter. The objectives of our Boot Camp are to:

- give students a competitive advantage when applying for jobs;
- give students certifications that may help them achieve a higher entry rate-of-pay;
- provide students with immersive, hands-on experiences;
- give students the skills and confidence to protect themselves, civilians, co-workers on the fireline;
- help students establish industry connections;
- prepare students for supplemental forestry jobs (outside of wildland fire fighting);
- prepare crews from rural communities that may be required to protect their community from wildfires;
- provide bulk training with qualified industry experts at a discounted rate with no lag time;
- promote a higher standard of industry training to ensure the safety of all responders.

Boot Camp Packing List

All gear must fit inside your duffle bag. No gear tied to outside of bag. Only two bags allowed and cannot exceed 45 pounds.

- Completed Physicians Release Form
- Completed Par-Q Form
- 2 pieces of ID (one photo)
- Backpack
- Leather Hiking Boots 8" High
- Rubber Boots
- One Person Tent
- Sleeping Bag (Summer/Fall)
- Sleeping Pad or Air Mattress
- Collapsible Pillow
- 7 T-Shirts Cotton or Poly-Cotton
- 7 Pairs Underwear Cotton
- 7 Pairs Socks Cotton or Wool
- Belt
- Shorts or Swimsuit
- Long Underwear Cotton or Light Wool
- Sweater Cotton or Wool
- Jacket Non-Synthetic
- Camp Shoes Flip-Flop and Runners
- Flashlight or Headlamp
- Electric Charger
- Garbage Bags
- Newspaper to dry boots
- Towel and Face Cloth
- Toiletries: Shaving Kit, Shampoo, Deodorant, Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Hair Ties, Brush, etc.
- Personal Items: Medication, Glasses, Sun Glasses, Book, Water Bottle, etc.
- Insect Repellent
- Bank Card/Cash \$50-\$100



Courses

BC Wildfire Service Training

The following courses are instructed by an experienced Recognized Training Provider with The Province of BC. BCWS courses are instructed in-class and in-field and are completed over the course Boot Camp. BCWS entry-level Type 2 and 3 Wildland Fire Fighter mandated training includes S-100 and S-185.

- S-100 Basic Fireline Suppression and Safety*
- S-130 Fundamentals of Firefighting
- S-185 Fire Entrapment Avoidance
- S-190 Fireline Safety
- S-211 Weather and Fire Environment
- S-212 Fireline Communications*
- S-213 Working Around Heavy Equipment on the Fireline
- S-215 Fire Operations in Wildland/Urban Interface
- S-232 Portable Pumps and Water Delivery Systems*
- S-235 Burning-off and Backfiring*
- S-270 Helicopter Use and Safety
- ICS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System

Boot Camp FAQs

What is the difference between a Type 1, 2/3 Wildland Fire Fighter?

Type 1: The BC Wildfire Service is responsible for the management of wildfires in British Columbia. The BC Wildfire Service employs Type 1 Wildland Fire Fighters responsible for containing fires that are considered "Out of Control" or Type 1 fires. Competition for employment with BC Wildfire Service is high.

Type 2/3: Approved Contractors are dispatched by the BC Wildfire Service to assist with wildfire operations on fires that are "Being Held" and "Under Control" or Type 2/3 fires. Private contractors must register and achieve bids with BC Wildfire Service and become an Approved Contractor. Entry-level training mandated by the BC Wildfire Service for Type 2/3 Wildland Fire Fighters includes S-100 and S-185. The level of training in addition to the mandated entry-level requirements varies by private contractor.

How come my friend got free Wildland Fire Fighting training?

When you achieve employment as a Wildland Fire Fighter your employer may require you to take training. By law, employers must provide or pay for required training.

Do I have to work for Rider Ventures after Boot Camp?

Our Public Boot Camps are separate from our Recruitment Boot Camp. Our Public Boot Camps do not guarantee employment with Rider Ventures. Recruitment Boot Camp is for applicants that successfully pass Phase 1 of our Employment Application Process.

First-Aid and Diversified Training

OFA Level 1
Instructed by FACTS

Safe Chainsaw Handling and Maintenance PSO*
2-day course instructed by APEX Forest and Wildfire Service Ltd

WHMIS-Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
Instructed by a Certified Worksite Safety Instructor

TDG-Transportation of Dangerous Goods
Instructed by a Certified Worksite Safety Instructor

Rider Ventures Skills Training

Boot Camp Orientation*
Our Boot Camp is designed to provide students with the same rules and expectations they will experience in a Ministry Camp. Students will be required to follow camp rules and complete assigned clean-up duties. Students will be taught and expected to practice employability skills including classroom and meeting etiquette.

WFX-FIT Practice Test*
Wildland Fire Fighters must pass the WFX-FIT Test with the Province of BC before they can work on the fireline. Students will experience the WFX-FIT Test procedure and course with replicated equipment.

RV-05 Operations and Safety in the Workplace
Students will learn about Fireline Safety and Personnel, and their Role as a Firefighter.

RV-10 Introduction to Danger Tree Awareness
Students will be given an informal introduction to Danger Tree Awareness from a Certified DTA. Students receive general information about identifying dangerous trees, terms used in DTA, and what different coloured ribbons mean. The objective of this class is to provide students with a general awareness of dangerous trees in the field for safety and communicative purposes.

RV-15 Tree/Plant Species Identification
Instructed by a Certified DTA

RV-20 Wildlife Awareness
Instructed by Ex-Auxiliary Conservation Officer

RV-25 GPS Coordinates/Mapping and Compass*
Instructed by a Gorman Software Specialist

RV-30 Backroads Driving Standards

*Course includes immersive, hands-on experiences