



MIAMI FIRE RESCUE EXPLORER APPLICATION



The City of Miami Fire Explorers Program matches young adults interested in the Fire and Rescue profession with the people and program resources within the City of Miami Fire Department. It is open to both male and female high school students ages 14 - 16.

The Fire Explorers program is designed to:

- Build character
- Develop personal & mental strengths
- Instill personal & community values
- Enhance physical & emotional fitness
- Develop a degree of self reliance

One of the many goals of the program is to help each Explorer develop leadership skills, gain a wealth of knowledge, and obtain practical experience in the Fire and Rescue career field.

Instilling values and developing the interpersonal skills to deal with various types of people and cultural differences are a part of each Explorer's social experience. Our community responsibility is to help others. We encourage the skills and desire to assist those in need.

The Explorers have had the opportunity to practice their skills and receive practical career training from firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics. As a part of their hands-on training, each Explorer rides on a rescue truck with career professionals. They not only have the opportunity to observe the professionals in action, but also to apply some of the basic skills that they have learned to real-life situations.

The program operates with both male and female adult advisors who are active members of the City of Miami Fire Department supported by other volunteer firefighters and EMTs who provide their services for larger Explorer activities that require more adult supervision, such as the Race Week Miami Cup Regatta sponsored by the Boys Scouts of America.

Meetings are scheduled twice a month on Saturdays. A typical Saturday meeting would consist of:

1. Roll Call and Inspections
2. Physical Training
3. Classroom Instruction
4. Explorer's Post Meeting (Conducted by Explorers)
5. Lab or Hands-On Training

Our Accomplishments



Fire/Safety Presentation at the Haitian American Senior Center

The Miami Rescue Explorers Post 780 has had many accomplishments over the years with very little funding as indicated below:

- The South Florida Learning for Life Division of Boy Scouts elected Miami Fire Rescue Post 780 as the Explorer Post of the Year for Dade County. This award recognizes those Posts who go above and beyond in lending a helping hand to their respective community through community events, training and supportive events. This was the Explorers most significant accomplishment.
- The Explorers trained for hours on both weekdays after school and on weekends to improve their swimming skills and for some, learn how to swim. This was all in an effort to obtain water safety instructor and lifeguard certifications. The Explorers taught inner city kids how to swim at 3 pools within the City throughout the summer. This was made possible through a grant facilitated by the University of Miami in conjunction with the City of Miami Parks and Recreation Department.
- The Explorers choreographed an interactive basic fire safety and first aid presentation for the Haitian Community Center of Miami. The obstacle was that the audience did not speak English. Therefore, the group had to present in both English and Creole. Afterwards, the Explorers fellowshiped with over 50 members and provided blood pressure screening for them. Although challenging, the presentation went extremely well and the participants were very pleased.
- In January of 2003 the Explorers competed for the first time in the Boy Scouts of America Exploring Division's National Competition. This event was held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Through the support of the Miami Fire Department and the Explorers Adult Leaders we were able to raise funds for the competition. To keep the expenses down we had to drive a portion of the way and take the train as well. Although it was a challenge getting there, the students had a great time. The Explorers handled themselves very well for their first competition ever.
- The Explorers of Post 780 provided foot and parking patrol for the recent South Florida Annual Dog show held at the Youth Fair grounds hosting over 2000 attendees. The committee was so impressed with the Explorers' professionalism that we were invited to participate again next year.
- The Explorers of Post 780 provided foot and parking patrol for the Annual City of Miami Employee picnic which hosted over 1000 attendees.
- The Explorers participated in an A.I.D.S. youth rally.
- The Explorers produced a 12 minute marketing video showcasing the benefits of the Explorers program to our community. The video will be used as a fundraising tool and to promote the Explorers program.
- 4 of our members have graduated from the program to become firefighters. Two are members of the last Firefighter recruit class, and one has been on the job for a few years now. We also have a female member who has been employed with Miami Dade Fire Department for 4 years. She successfully completed the promotional process with the Miami Dade Fire Department and is now awaiting her promotion to Lieutenant.
- On September 19th, 2003 the Explorers performed as First Aid Medics on land and sea for the Race Week Miami Cup Regatta sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. Over 600 Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts from South Florida competed in a variety of events including boat design and sailboat races.

FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____ LAST NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
HOME PHONE NO: _____ CELL PHONE _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____ S.S.#: _____
DRIVERS LICENSE # _____
FATHERS NAME: _____
MOTHER NAME: _____
HIGH SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____ GPA: _____
DAYS ABSENT (current school year): _____
FUTURE ENDEAVOR/AMBITIONS: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____ POSITION _____
SUPERVISOR'S NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
MEDICAL HISTORY: PAST ILLNESSES OR SURGERIES? _____
PHYSICIAN: _____ ADDRESS _____
ALLERGIES: _____
MEDICATIONS: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON: NAME: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ 2nd NUMBER: _____
PAST EXPERIENCE: EXPLORER BEFORE: NO _____ YES _____
IF YES, NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____ POST#: _____
MEMBER OF BOY/GIRL SCOUTS BEFORE: YES _____ NO _____
IF YES, NAME OF TROOP: _____

NAME THREE (3) ADULTS THAT CAN BE CONTACTED FOR REFERENCE:
(ONE MUST BE A TEACHER)

1. _____ PHONE: _____

2. _____ PHONE: _____

3. _____ PHONE _____

NAME ANY OTHER CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU ARE A AFFILIATED WITH:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED OR IN ANY TYPE OF SERIOUS TROUBLE:

YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

NAME TWO (2) STRONG POINTS ABOUT YOURSELF:

1. _____

2. _____

NAME TWO (2) WEAK POINTS ABOUT YOURSELF:

1. _____

2. _____

GIVE A REASON(S)FOR BECOMING A MEMBER OF THIS FIRE EXPLORER POST?

DO YOU KNOW ANY PERSON INVOLVED IN THIS GROUP/POST? YES ___ NO ___

IF YES, NAME OF PERSON S) _____

MEETINGS AND EVENTS WILL BE HELD OFFSITE AT A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS ON WEEKENDS AND SOMETIMES WEEKDAYS. ALL PARTICIPANTS SHALL PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THESE MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

DO YOU HAVE TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO AND FROM ALL MEETINGS?

YES _____ NO _____

ALL INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

WITNESS: _____ DATE: _____

Please complete this form and fax it, mail it, or give it to your Health Science Teacher, along with your last report card and 3 letters of recommendation from someone other than a relative, (i.e. teacher, pastor, counselor) as indicated below:

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