

Media Advisory

Free Junior Firefighter Program Begins in May

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Owen Sound Fire and Emergency Services are excited to be starting a Junior Firefighter program in May of this year. This free youth training program will be open to students in grades 5 or 6 at Owen Sound Schools. Fire Department staff will be visiting students in grades 5 and 6 at Owen Sound Schools today with a registration package.

The free program will run for six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning May 2 through June 6, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Owen Sound Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters Station (1209 3rd Avenue East). Participants will be in four crews learning fire prevention, suppression, auto extrication, first aid basics and many more skills.

Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. Students can register through the packages received at their schools, or by contacting Fire Prevention Officer Greg Nicol. An information and supplies package will be provided upon completion of registration.

For more information, please contact Greg Nicol, Fire Prevention Officer at 519-376-2512 ext. 2243 or email gnicol@owensound.ca

Quotes:

"We are thrilled to start this Junior Firefighter program in Owen Sound, which is a very beneficial and exciting opportunity for local youth. Keeping the program free and accessible to all students in grades 5 and 6, we hope it will encourage residents to get their child registered quickly."

- Fire Chief Phil Eagleson

“Fire safety starts with kids. Our department looks forward to showing students what they can do to become a firefighter and to learn how to prevent fires and injuries.”

- Greg Nicol, Fire Prevention Officer

Quick Facts:

- Students in grades 5 and 6 are encouraged to register for a free Junior Firefighter program hosted by Owen Sound Fire and Emergency Services.
- The program runs for six weeks, beginning in May.
- Space is limited for this new program.
- Reminder: If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, you should install a smoke alarm in the room for early warning.
- Reminder: Carbon monoxide alarms are required on the levels where you sleep in your house. You may require more than one carbon monoxide alarm.