



U.W.S.P. Fire Crew

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2007

Attendance: 65
Fire Danger: Low

Important Announcements

- Brad has a washing machine for sale; see below for details.

Upcoming Events

- October 9 & 10 – Gear check-out; 4:00-6:00pm.
- October 11 – Indoor Training Session (ITS); 6:45-9:00pm.
- October 18 – Rock-n-Bowl; 9pm to midnight.

Crew Leader: Brian Puckett

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- Indoor Training Session (ITS) will be held after next week's meeting. Sign-up for those who wish to help out will be done following this meeting.
- The Fire Crew website is up and running. Please check it out at www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/fire. Feel free to give input and let us know how we can improve it.

Assistant Crew Leader: Jordan Black

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- For those of you who are anxious to burn and are wondering what we are waiting for:
 1. No more rain - it is still too humid and the fuels are too wet to burn very well.
 2. A good frost - this will kill a lot of the finer fuels (eg: leaves, grass, etc.).
 3. Falling leaves – this is a good sign that things are dead and they want to burn.
- Anybody who is interested in tagging along with/assisting Jordan to scout some prescribed burns needs to email their class schedule to him.
- Anti-rain dances are strongly encouraged, and anyone interested in group anti-rain dances is welcome to join Jordan behind the HEC after his morning P.T. sessions; bring a friend if you'd like.

Secretary: P. J. Koehler

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- Please get your paperwork turned in A.S.A.P. Everybody needs to fill out a new Member Information form, W-9, DNR Physical Requirements Acknowledgement form, and UWSP Fire Crew Responsibility, Release, and Participation waiver; (all together, that's four pieces of paper that need to be turned in). Please include photocopies of any certifications you currently hold. Nobody will be doing any fire related work with the crew unless these forms are turned in and we have some proof of your certifications. You may direct any questions to P.J. Additional forms will be available after meetings or in the Fire Crew office (CNR 361A).

Cache Manager: Zach Hartshorn

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- The Fire Crew Cache party last week was a hoot! If you didn't make it, you totally missed out! We now have a nearly complete inventory of Fire Crew equipment (that's a lot more exciting than what you can likely fathom).
- Gear check-out will begin next week. Members who have ALL of their papers/certifications/dues turned in will be able to check out gear in CNR 361 on Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 to 6pm.
- Anybody who is qualified to help supervise at Pulpcut should contact Zach. He needs help, both professionally and from YOU! To qualify, you must have either taken/passed Pulpcut, completed FISTA I & II, or be S-212 certified.
 - **Please note:** Fire Crew uses Pulpcut as a prerequisite to the S-212 certification, so we can all benefit by helping out!
- PRO-DEALS!!!
The Smith Optics/Bushnell pro-deal order is all done for this semester, but a few more have just begun or are soon to come.
 - Bendalin Fire Supply will give the crew a 20% discount on select True North and ESS items.
 - Smartwool pro-deal (50% off) will begin next week Thursday, after Smartwool receives a finalized roster of the crew.
 - Chaco pro-deal (50% off) will also begin soon; more details to come.
- Anyone interested in purchasing their own Nomex through Tomahawk needs to contact Zach before he places the crew's order next week.

Treasurer: Joshua Haen

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- UWSP Fire Crew t-shirt designs voted on; they will be much like last year's design with "Wildland Crew" replacing "Interagency Burn Team". T-shirt sales will begin soon.
- Fire Crew hats will be the same design and prices from last year; \$15 with your name across the back, and \$12 without.
- Wisconsin DNR wildfire t-shirts starring **Torchie Timberloss** will also be available to order.

S.A.P. Representative: Michelle Stelzig

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- Rock-n-Bowl will be on October 18 at Point Bowl. Cost is \$6 per person. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Fire Crew office door; please note if you'll need transportation when you sign up.
- Fire Crew intramural team(s) sign-up sheets are also posted on the office door. If you are interested in signing up, please do so before block 2 intramurals sign-ups are due.
- If anybody has ideas for social events that we could do as a crew, please let Michelle know and she will look into it.

Crew Advisor: James Cook

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- Nothing this week.

WDNR Liaison: Brad Kildow

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- For those of you signed up to help out at ITS next week, please come early so we can be all set up by 6:45pm. Also, if you did not get your name down for a spot at ITS, please come anyway, and we'll find something for you.
- Is anybody interested in a washing machine?
It's a '93 Amana, rebuilt in 2001 with a new transmission; \$75. Contact Brad with any further questions.