Greetings!

Welcome to the 2025 Pennsylvania Wildland Fire Academy! After a great academy last year, we are back to Shippensburg University and happy to see you.

Mission and Objectives

The mission of the PA Wildland Fire Academy is to prepare wildland firefighters for mobilization to incidents (wildfires, flooding, planned events, etc) through classroom and field instruction.

The primary objective of the academy is to create a learning environment and atmosphere in which safety is priority number one.

We strive to prevent all accidents and injuries to students, instructors, camp staff, and the public. Wildland fire is inherently dangerous, and the goal of all wildland fire training is to reduce and/or mitigate risks to an acceptable level.

We seek to present training which increases the skills and knowledge of all wildland firefighters and incident management personnel, thereby better preparing them for an incident assignment.

Parking/Lodging

Lodging is at Seavers Hall (the same building as Check-in). There is parking available to the east and northwest of Seavers Hall. Dininq

The dining facility's hours of operation are: Breakfast: 0645-0800 Lunch: 1100-1300 Supper: 1700-1830 except Wednesday – see below

There will be bagged lunches provided on field days.

Wednesday Night Social Event

Wednesday evening's supper will be held at the hockey rink just north of Seavers Hall; see the campus map. There will be a BBQ coinciding with a cornhole tournament, and all proceeds from the event will be donated to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. If you want to know more about the Wildland Firefighter Foundation visit <u>https://wffoundation.org/</u>

Safety/Other

Although the Pennsylvania Wildland Fire Academy is a planned event, we all must keep the safety of ourselves and others at the forefront of our thoughts and actions. PPE is required to be worn by all participants while in the field, and anywhere else you may be directed to wear it.

Hydration is another important consideration! Please remember to stay hydrated as dehydration not only affects you as a crew member, it affects the crew as a whole.

Report all incidents and/or injuries to your instructor immediately.

There is zero tolerance for any form of harassment including racial discrimination and sexual harassment. Respect one another. We are all committed to the safety and well-being of each other on and off the fireline.

Please respect the grounds and facilities here at Shippensburg University; we are very fortunate to have them for our use.