



Summer 2009

Dear Firecrafter Candidate:

Congratulations on completing your candidacy at summer camp and fulfilling the first twelve requirements of the candidate card. Your trail to the Mystic Fire has but one last step, requirement thirteen: *To complete successfully the inspections, reviews, and Unknown Test of the Firecrafter Ritual.* I would like to invite you to fulfill your quest for the Fire and attend the Firecrafter Ritual.

The **2009 Firecrafter Rituals** will be held at **two different camps this year**. The Midsummer Ritual will be held on **July 10-12, at Camp Bear Creek**, while the Grand Ritual will be **August 14-16, at Camp Kikthawenund**. You must be in camp between **4:45 - 6:15 pm Friday** night. The Ritual will start with or without you; therefore it is imperative you arrive on time. You **MUST** stay the entire weekend. You will be free to leave at **10:30 AM at the Mid-Summer Ritual or Noon on Sunday of the Grand Ritual**. Inter-denominational services will be held on Sunday.

Please register for this year's rituals by visiting the Firecrafter website at www.firecrafter.org. You taking time to let us know that you will be at this year's ritual will save time and confusion in the registration process Friday night.

Come dressed in work clothes, and pack a clean class A uniform. You should also bring all necessary items for an overnight hike, including your own shelter, water bottle, flashlight, and cooking gear. Your Fire-by-Friction set and fire-building materials (bird's nest, foil, etc) that you made at summer camp are **MANDATORY**, as well as your copy of the Boy Scout Handbook. **DO NOT BRING** any type of tent poles, tent pegs, fire-making materials (matches, lighters, etc), a watch, an alarm clock, or a radio. **Bringing any of these items may result in DISQUALIFICATION from the Ritual.** You are responsible for what you bring, so make sure everything has your name on it.

Pack a breakfast of 1 or 2 eggs, a meat, bread, and a hot drink, (refrigerate by small cooler with ice or cold pack). **NO** refrigeration will be provided, unless for medical reasons. The Ritual fee is \$40, payable when you arrive. The Ritual fee includes insignia, certification, a picture of your Ritual Class and membership fees dues until age 21, and all meals except Saturday Breakfast.

If you have any questions address them to the Fire Chief of your camp or myself at (317) 403-2054. You can also email me at bradleyvest@gmail.com. If you need any special accommodations or have a concern with anything listed above, **PLEASE** don't hesitate to contact myself. If you **CANNOT** attend this year's ritual please contact me as well.

Review your Handbook, practice your Scouting skills, and hone your Fire-by Friction abilities. During the course of the Ritual, you will be tested on all areas of Scouting and Leadership skills.

On behalf of the Firecrafter Council Committee, I would like to wish you the best of luck as you prepare for the Ritual. However, luck is at best an elusive element. Only by **DOING YOUR VERY BEST** can you hope to successfully meet the challenges before you. It is toward this goal I encourage you. Keep your set dry, your mind alert, and your heart true.

In the Mystic Fire,

M Brad Vest
Firecrafter Council Chief