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Burleson youngsters are getting an up-close look at the world of firefighting.

The Burleson Fire Department is hosting a Junior Fire Academy Monday, June 15-Thursday, June 18. The academy, which is free of charge, is for those students who are currently fourth graders. There are 10 openings. The deadline to apply is Monday, June 1. Applications are available at Fire Station #1, 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd.

The training will take place at Fire Station #1 as well as at Fire Station #2/Training Tower at 650 Memorial Plaza. The camp starts at 8 a.m. sharp and wraps up by noon each day.

Students will receive their own bunker gear, tour the fire stations, meet the firefighters, and learn the function of each piece of apparatus. They will get insight on disaster safety, extrication and fire safety. Hands-on activities will include working with fire hydrants and fire hoses, conducting hose drags, doing their own search and rescue and participating in a smoke drill in the training tower. Academy students will also get to look inside a ground ambulance and an air ambulance.

For more information about the Junior Fire Academy, contact Firefighter Scott Johns at Fire Station #1 at 817-295-5498 or secretary Kristie Menchaca at 817-295-5498, ext. 221.

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