

COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2018 Vernon Hills High School Smoke Signals Fire Safety & Burn Prevention Video Contest Rules



The entries will be judged based on how well the rules below were met and how informative the video is. For all the downloadable information go to www.countrysidefire.com.

PRIZES

- The **Grand Prize** will be **\$500.00** in American Express Cards
- The **Second Place** will be **\$400.00** in American Express Cards
- The **Third Place** will be **\$300.00** in American Express Cards

RULES

- Contest is open to 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students enrolled in Vernon Hills High School. Registration Forms online must be printed and completed by each team member and signed by school representative. A participant waiver form must be completed.
- The video should be 30 seconds long exploring fire safety/burn prevention topics. **Be in a DVD file format such as .MPEG, .MP4, .FLV and compatible for You Tube. No copyright infringements, music or video. Do not have any personal information on submitted video.**
- A rubric for how the videos will be evaluated is attached.
- The video should include age appropriate material for a target audience of students in grades 9, 10, 11 & 12. Material should not demonstrate risky and otherwise unsafe behavior. **There can be no actual fire.**

DETAILS

- It should be both educational and informational. So many YouTube videos show risky behavior but never tell the "rest of the story"
- All videos should be well researched.
- We are accepting entries **ONLY** from school-sponsored communications courses or sponsored extra-curricular groups or at large students with school staff representative participation.
- Communications teachers or faculty sponsors must review and approve all storyboards before filming starts.
- Students are strongly encouraged to contact their local fire departments, hospitals and library to help with their research.

- There can be multiple entries from the same school or program, as students may wish to work in small groups or teams on the project. **NOTE: Students on a winning team will share the prize.**

Entries should be submitted no later than **Friday, December 14, 2018** at **4:00 p.m.** on DVD with registration form(s) to:

Countryside Fire Protection District
c/o Tony Rodkey, Public Education Coordinator
600 Deerpath Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061

EDUCATOR INFORMATION

This contest addresses learning standard components 3C.4b, 3C.5b and 4B.4a (Grades 9-12) of the Illinois English Language Arts Curriculum Framework and Learning Standard-Contributing to the well-being of one's school and community. School districts offering communications classes, which include the design and creation of media productions, are encouraged to promote this contest through an independent or group assignment as part of its curriculum delivery.

BACKGROUND

Fire Prevention Week is designed to provide an opportunity for fire and life safety educators to unite in sharing fire safety awareness and prevention messages in our communities. Information about fire prevention and fire safety awareness can be found on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) website www.nfpa.org or Campus Firewatch website www.campus-firewatch.com, also www.firesafety.gov.