



Florida Association of Fire Rescue Cadets



2025 Summer Gator Fire Games

Bucket Brigade Challenge

Objective:

This challenge was based on the "Bucket Brigades" from early colonial firefighting. This event requires the team to demonstrate their ability to effectively transport buckets of water from the water source to the fire. This challenge will have one Cadet/Explorer filling the buckets, 2 stationary Cadets/Explorers passing the buckets, and one Cadet/Explorer throwing the buckets of water on the fire (see diagram).

Requirements:

- Each post can enter a maximum of three teams consisting of four Cadets/Explorers.
- No Cadet/Explorer can participate in this event twice.
- All team members must wear closed toe shoes, no PPE required.
- Team members may not throw the buckets; they must be passed back to the team member filling the buckets.

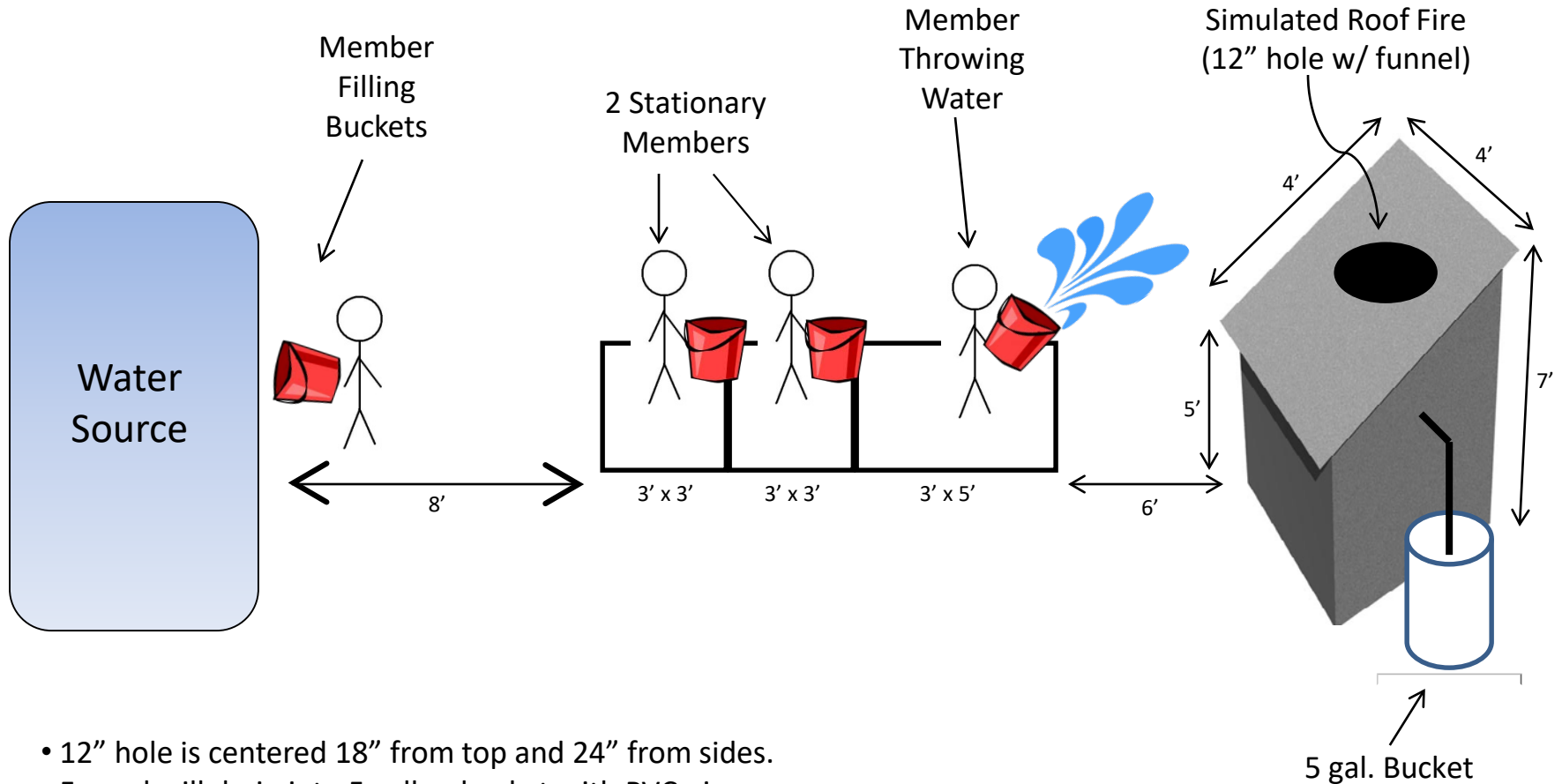
Rules:

1. Each team will be provided 5 firefighting buckets (2 gallon each). The buckets will be placed on the ground, next to the water source. It is up to each team to determine how many buckets they will use during the event. The member filling the buckets cannot touch the buckets until the "GO" command has been given.
2. Time begins when the judge says "GO".
3. The two stationary members must stay in the designated box during the entire event. A weight deduction of 0.5 lbs for each infraction will be assessed for each infraction.
4. The water throwing member must also stay in his designated box (slightly larger than other two). A weight deduction of 0.5 lbs for each infraction will be assessed for each infraction. If the cadet leaves the box with both feet the team will be disqualified.
5. If a bucket falls on the ground, the members in the boxes may pick up the bucket as long as they stay in their designated box. The member filling the buckets may pick up buckets that the other members cannot reach if necessary.
6. The judge will stop the cadets when they reach 2 minutes, Once the judge has stopped time the bucket will be placed on scale. If the bucket begins to overflow a second bucket will be placed.
7. A penalty will be assessed for throwing/tossing the buckets and not hand passing them back and forth (weight deduction of 0.5 lbs for each infraction).
8. If any buckets are thrown towards the prop after time is called then a weight deduction of 1 lb will be assessed.

Scoring:

1. Will be based on the most weight.

2025 Bucket Brigade Challenge Diagram



- 12" hole is centered 18" from top and 24" from sides.
- Funnel will drain into 5 gallon bucket with PVC pipe
- Event will require 20lbs (2.40 gallons) of water to complete event

