



***Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company
Queen and Little Princess Program***

April 15, 2019

Dear Fire Queen and Little Princess Contestant,

We are excited that you are planning on participating in the Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company's Fire Queen and Little Princess Program. This program is all about being the face of the fire company. Your job, should you be chosen is to help promote the good work that the fire company does for the community. This is a great responsibility and one that is not to be taken lightly.

This year the Fire Queen and Little Princess contest will be held May 4, 2019 at the Shavers Creek Fireman's Park. All contestants are asked to arrive no later than 9:15 to begin the interview process. At this time contestants are the only ones permitted to be in the building. We ask that all parents, guardians and spectators please come back at 11:45 to get seats for the crowning, which will begin promptly at noon.

The selected Queen and Princess will go on to represent Shavers Creek Fire Company at the County Fireman's Convention in July. The Queen will also attend the Central District Fireman's Convention in August.

Enclosed in this packet are several important items:

- Application
- Parental Consent Form (must be returned with signatures if under 18)
- Contest Rules
- Contest Questions
- Expectations
- Important Dates

Please review all this information carefully as you are filling out the application. The information contained in the packet is extremely beneficial as you prepare for the contest.

From this packet of information, you will need to **return to the email group** the following:

- Application
- Parental Consent Form
- 4X6 photograph of yourself

All materials must be returned to me by May 1, 2019. Any application received after that date will *not* be accepted.

Each application **MUST** be sent via email with a Confirmation email receipt to the following email address: shaverscreekroyalty@gmail.com

As you are putting together your application packet, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Best of luck as you prepare for the contest!

Sincerely,

Stephenie Coffman

Stephenie Coffman, Fire Queen and Princess Coordinator

Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company
Fire Queen and Little Princess Application
(Please print legibly or type)

NAME:
DATE OF BIRTH:
AGE (as of contest):
ADDRESS:
TOWNSHIP OF RESIDENCE:
CONTACT NUMBER: (CELL) (HOME)
CONTACT EMAIL:
<u>PARENTS/GUARDIANS NAME:</u>
MOTHER:
FATHER:
EDUCATION INFORMATION: <input type="checkbox"/> ELEMENTARY SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> COLLEGE <input type="checkbox"/> TRADE SCHOOL
NAME OF INSTITUTION:
HOBBIES OR INTERESTS

EXTRACIRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

FUTURE PLANS:

Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company
Fire Queen and Little Princess Rules

1. Princess contestants must be between six (6) and eight (8) as of our pageant.
2. Queen contestants must be between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age, single, never married, have no children, or be pregnant as of the date of the contest. Contestants under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian consent form signed.
3. Each contestant will be interviewed by a panel of judges in the preliminaries and the same judges will officiate the finals.
4. Every effort is made to find judges from outside of the area. Contestants must let the Program Coordinator know immediate if there is any potential for a conflict of interest.
5. Judging will include the following point assignment: highest earned points will determine the winner:
 - a. General Appearance 0 – 10 points
 - b. Poise and Personality 0 – 10 points
 - c. Speaking Ability 0 – 30 points
 - d. Fire Prevention Knowledge 0 – 50 points
6. Preliminaries will include:
 - a. General fire prevention questions selected from a list that will be sent to the applicants.
 - b. A five to seven-minute presentation by the contestant on fire prevention at private session with panel judges. Time with the judges should not exceed 10 minutes.
 - c. General interview questions from the judges.
 - d. You must be able to handle your project on your own. Contestants will not be permitted to have someone help them set up their project due to time constraints.
7. The finals will be completed on-stage and will include:
 - a. 60 second introduction
 - b. One randomly selected fire prevention question from the list provided.
 - c. One impromptu question chosen from a basket.
8. Applications must be returned via email by May 1, 2019 to shaverscreekroyalty@gmail.com
9. This is not a talent or beauty contest.
10. Judge's decision is final.

11. If the Fire Queen or Little Princess is unable to fulfill her duties, it is her responsibility to contact her Runner-up to fill in for her.
12. The members of the Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company Court are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that represents her and the association in a respectable manner. Any conduct unbecoming of a court members may be cause for the removal of title, based on a decision of the Program Coordinator.
13. Once you hold the Fire Queen or Little Princess title, you will not be able to compete again.

The winners of the contest MUST attend predetermined activities during the week of the convention. The itinerary is included in this packet.

You must also give full support to the fire company during your reign by attending county and district functions when requested, to the best of your ability.

If you hold another title and the term of those titles exceeds two months, you agree that the duties of that title will not interfere with your ability to represent the fire company.

If chosen to represent the fire company, I agree to all the above.

SIGNATURE

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Email applications to: shaverscreekroyalty@gmail.com

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Participant Consent Form

Should I be chosen to represent Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fire Company, I will give my full support to all local, county and district functions by attending and participating to the best of my ability as a representative of the fire company. I will be chaperoned to all events by my parents, a representative of my fire company, or the program coordinator.

I AGREE TO ALL OF THE ABOVE

Print your name

Signature

Date of Birth

Parent / Guardian Signature

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST SIGN THIS FORM. CONTESTANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS MUST HAVE A PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE. NO EXCEPTIONS. CONTESTANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS WILL BE CHAPERONED AT ALL TIMES.

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Queen Contestant Expectations

The committee wishes that each contestant be fully prepared and understand what will be expected of them during the contest.

Explained below is an outline of what the panel of judges will be reviewing:

Each contestant will be interviewed for 20 minutes this will include a 10-minute interview about yourself and you will also at that point present to the judges your 7-minute presentation on your Fire Prevention and Life Safety Topic.

Again, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Program Coordinator for assistance.

1. The contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges in the preliminaries and the same judges will officiate during the finals. Every effort is made to find judges from outside of the area. Contestants must let the Program Coordinator know immediate if there is any potential for a conflict of interest.
2. The judges' decision is final and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
3. Judging will be based upon the following points system. The contestant with the highest number of points will be the winner; the contestant with the second highest number of points will be the 1st runner up.

a. General Appearance	0 – 10 points
b. Poise and Personality	0 – 10 points
c. Speaking Ability	0 – 30 points
d. Fire Prevention Knowledge	0 – 50 points
4. The preliminary portion of the contest will consist of:
 - a. A five to ten-minute interview by the panel of judges. The judges may ask any questions from the list of questions provided to both the contestants and judges. The judges may also ask questions relevant to the contestant's application.
 - b. The contestant will also perform a five to seven-minute presentation to the Judges on any Fire Prevention and Life Safety topic that they wish to perform. Total time with the judges should not exceed 20 minutes.**
 - i. You can use presentation boards and other means to present your project to the judges. There will not be electronic capabilities, so no PowerPoints.
 - ii. You must be able to handle your project on your own. Contestants will not be permitted to have someone help them set up their project due to time constraints.

5. ALL Projects will be placed on display at the on-stage portion of the program for the audience to view.
6. The finals will be completed on-stage and will include:
 - a. An introduction to be no more than 60 seconds in length.
 - b. The question "What is your agenda for promoting fire prevention?"
 - c. One randomly selected fire prevention question from the list provided drawn "fishbowl" style.
 - d. One impromptu question, randomly drawn "fishbowl" style.

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Little Princess Contestant Expectations

The committee wishes that each contestant be fully prepared and understand what will be expected of them during the contest.

Explained below is an outline of what the panel of judges will be reviewing:

Each contestant will be interviewed for 10 minutes this will include a 10-minute interview about yourself.

Again, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Program Coordinator for assistance.

1. The contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges in the preliminaries and the same judges will officiate during the finals. Every effort is made to find judges from outside of the area. Contestants must let the Program Coordinator know immediate if there is any potential for a conflict of interest.
2. The judges' decision is final and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
3. Judging will be based upon the following points system. The contestant with the highest number of points will be the winner; the contestant with the second highest number of points will be the 1st runner up.

a. General Appearance	0 – 10 points
b. Poise and Personality	0 – 10 points
c. Speaking Ability	0 – 30 points
d. Fire Prevention Knowledge	0 – 50 points
4. The preliminary portion of the contest will consist of:
 - a. A five to ten-minute interview by the panel of judges. The judges may ask any questions from the list of questions provided to both the contestants and judges. The judges may also ask questions relevant to the contestant's application.
5. The finals will be completed on-stage and will include:
 - a. An introduction to be no more than 30 seconds in length.
 - b. One randomly selected fire prevention question from the list provided drawn "fishbowl" style.
 - c. One impromptu question, randomly drawn "fishbowl" style.

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What Will Be Provided to Winners

- Tiara, sash, and flowers will be presented at the contest
- Car door signs (which are passed on each year)
 - Note: Should the signs become damaged or lost, it is the responsibility of the queen or princess to replace the signs.

What Will NOT Be Provided to Winners

- No financial compensation or reimbursement, no exceptions.
- All expenses incurred throughout your reign are your responsibility.
- No vehicle is provided for parades or events. It is up to the winners to arrange for their own transportation and to have it at events on time and clean.
- No lodging or food.
- No pagers, cellular telephones or computers however, you may use your personal equipment.
- No clothing, dry cleaning, make-up hair or nail, etc. expenses.

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Dress Code

- Formal events or special occasions: full-length gown or tea length gown (banquets, parades/charity events)
- Informal events: dress or business skirt/suit (dances, fairs, open houses, carnivals, church functions)
- Presentation or education activities: pantsuit or dress slacks and blouse (schools, lectures, seminars, meetings, senior centers, etc.)
- Tiara and sash should be worn for all of functions, except for memorial services.

Note: At no time are you permitted to wear jeans, shorts, flip flops, yoga pants, or T-shirts while presenting yourself as Shavers Creek Fire Queen or Little Princess and wearing your tiara and sash.

All dresses or skirts should not be above knee level. All high heels should not be any higher than two inches. Your appearance reflects on the fire company.

EXCEPTION: The annual gun raffle and county fireman's convention games are the only exceptions to these rules. You are permitted to wear a fire company t-shirt (to be provided) and khakis or jeans (absolutely no holes). Depending on the weather, shorts are permitted if they are of appropriate length. The Program Coordinator, Fire Company President, or Fire Chief reserves the right to send you home from an event if your attire is deemed to be inappropriate.

Basic Clothing Requirements:

Full-length gown, dress, business skirt suit, or pantsuit, accompanied by the appropriate accessories.

Any conduct unbecoming of the fire queen or little princess will result in the termination of your reign. This includes consuming alcohol and / or smoking while presenting yourself as the fire queen or little princess even if you are legally old enough to do so.

The President of the fire company and the Program Coordinator reserve the right to suspend or revoke your title. Remember to conduct yourself at all times in a professional manner. You represent the Shavers Creek Valley Community Volunteer Fireman, Ladies Auxiliaries and Community at events, even when you are not wearing your sash and crown.

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Fire Queen Contestant Questions

Please be prepared to answer any of the following questions during some portion of the contest. These questions have been phrased for the fire queen; whose primary responsibility is to speak to groups about fire safety.

Each participating contestant will be required to answer the following first question:

What is your agenda for promoting Fire Prevention?
(all contestants will be required to explain their agenda)

The remaining questions will be asked by the judges for the interview portion of the judging and 1 additional question will be asked for the onstage portion of the contest.

1. When you are speaking to a group of babysitters, what do you believe are the most important items of information they should know?
2. When you enter a public place or stay at a hotel, what are the things you should note prior in the event of a fire?
3. What is the proper procedure for storing flammable liquids and what danger will occur when flammable liquids are misused?
4. What fire safety procedures should be employed with fireplaces, stoves, and portable space heaters?
5. Why are planned escape routes and fire drills so important?
6. Please explain the Fire Tetrahedron?
7. When speaking to a community group about kitchen fires, what precautions would you give them to prevent kitchen fires?
8. There are two styles of smoke alarms that are currently on the market for use by the consumer: Photoelectric and Ionization. Please explain the difference in the two.
9. Where should smoke alarms be placed in the home, and how often should they be tested?
10. What are the dangers of turning in a false alarm? Explain the penalties for this crime.
11. Explain the proper use of a fire extinguisher and when you should or should not use one.
12. What are the five (5) classes of fire extinguishers and what class of fire would you use them for?

13. What hazards are caused by smoking materials and how can they be prevented?
14. What is the importance of educating people of all ages in fire safety?
15. What precautions should be used around fireworks and sparklers?
16. Describe an electrical octopus hazard and explain how electrical appliances can be safely used in the home.
17. When using outdoor cooking devices, (gas or charcoal grills) when should you use these grills and what precautions should you take with them?
18. Explain the proper placement/install location for a Carbon Monoxide Alarm, and how often should they be tested? What circumstances would not require a home to have a CO Alarm installed?

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Little Princess Contestant Questions

Please be prepared to answer any of the following questions during some portion of the contest. These questions have been phrased for the little princess.

Each participating contestant will be required to answer the following first question:

What do fireman do?

The remaining questions will be asked by the judges for the interview portion of the judging and 1 additional question will be asked for the onstage portion of the contest.

1. What do you do if you see matches or a lighter in a room?
2. When should you call 9-1-1?
3. How many escape routes should you have from your house?
4. What should you do if your clothes catch on fire?
5. What number do you call when there is a fire?
6. How often should you change the batteries in your smoke detector?
7. What should you do when you hear a smoke alarm?
8. When escaping from a fire, should you run, walk or crawl?

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2019-2020 Schedule

(This schedule is tentative and subject to change)

MAY		
4	Fire Queen and Little Princess Contest (9 am – 12 pm)	Shavers Creek Fireman's Park
27	Multiple Memorial Day Parades	
	Alexandria (8 am)	Alexandria American Legion
	Petersburg (10 am)	Petersburg Old Sewing Factory
	Shavers Creek (11 am)	Shavers Creek Community Building
	Grave-side memorial (immediately following parade)	Mooreville Cemetery
JUNE		
15	Gun Raffle (all day)	Shavers Creek Fireman's Park
JULY		
7-13	Huntingdon County Fireman's Convention	Six Mile Run
7	Memorial Service	Six Mile Run
10	Little Princess Contest	Six Mile Run
12-13	Fireman's Games	Six Mile Run
11	EMS Games	Six Mile Run
13	Fire Queen Contest (all day)	Six Mile Run
AUGUST		
15-17	Central District Fireman's Convention	Clymer
16	Fire Queen Contest	
17	Parade	
SEPTEMBER		
21	Power Tool Bingo	Shavers Creek Fireman's Park
OCTOBER		
NOVEMBER		
2	Ladies Auxiliary Purse Bingo	Shavers Creek Fireman's Park
DECEMBER		
JANUARY		
TBD	Fireman's Banquet	Shavers Creek Fireman's Park
FEBRUARY		
MARCH		
APRIL		
TBD	Ladies Auxiliary Basket Bingo	Shavers Creek Fireman's Park
MAY		
TBD	Fire Queen and Little Princess Contest	Shavers Creek Fireman's Park