

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND

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## WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTING ORIENTATION



# WELCOME



Thank you for volunteering to join Team Blaze of the Emergency Response Command (ERC). The risks to fire destruction is unprecedented in our great states history. Every year we are warned that this season may be the worst fire season on record and seemingly those predictions ring true. Unfortunately, there is no end in sight as scientists predict that the state is years away from drought relief.

The ERC was designed and built to be part of the solution for all communities up and down the state. From combating wildland fires, to assisting with evacuations, to traffic control, both Team Shield and Team Blaze bring the most valued resource to the mission. That resource is you.

Without you, this state cannot protect our families, our homes, and our businesses. Without you, the magnitude of destruction and loss of life would be unfathomable. You are the greatest resource our state has to offer and you ARE the solution to the problem.

## OVERVIEW

Our volunteer orientation weekend is scheduled for Friday, May 21st thru Sunday, May 23rd at Camp Roberts, California. The weekend will focus on the fundamentals of being a member of the California State Guard and Team Blaze expectations. It begins Friday with medical and recruiting packet reviews followed by a swearing in ceremony. Saturday morning is an early start with a physical fitness assessment and day of basic CSG orientation. Saturday evening teams will spend time in their assigned hand crews and have an opportunity to learn from current Team Blaze members. Sunday morning wraps up with Fire specific expectations before being released around lunch time. This orientation is mandatory for new personnel to the CSG.

# NOTES

- You will be notified of your group Wednesday, May 19th; group assignments will attempt to consider your distance from Camp Roberts, but cannot be guaranteed a later group.
- A detailed letter of instruction with locations and maps will be provided with group notifications.
- Entrance to Camp Roberts requires valid driver's license, current car registration and insurance. Details will be provided in your welcome letter.
- Bring snacks it will be a long day, vending machines are not available.
- Meals and lodging will be provided at no-cost.
- Lodging will be provided in open bay barracks. Bring sleeping back, pillow, towel, and toiletries.
- Bring athletic wear and running shoes for fitness assessment Saturday and hike on Sunday.
- Military uniforms will not be required for this weekend.
- Bring a good attitude and be a team player. You will work hard, and if you make it, it will be worth it.





# SCHEDULE

## **Friday, May 21st:**

0700 - 0730: Group A arrive at Camp Roberts / Check In  
0800 - 1000: Group A Medical / Recruiting Reviews  
0900 - 0930: Group B arrive at Camp Roberts / Check In  
1000 - 1200: Group B Medical / Recruiting Reviews  
1200 - 1300: Lunch  
1200 - 1230: Group C arrive at Camp Roberts / Check In  
1300 - 1500: Group C Medical / Recruiting Reviews  
1400 - 1430: Group D arrive at Camp Roberts / Check In  
1500 - 1700: Group D Medical / Recruiting Reviews  
1700 - 1800: Dinner  
1830 - 1900: Swearing in Ceremony  
1900 - 2000: NCO Time  
2000 - 2130: Personal Time  
2130: Lights Out

## **Saturday, May 22nd:**

0530: Wake up  
0600 - 0800: Fitness Assessment  
0800 - 0900: Personal Hygiene / Breakfast  
0900 - 1200: CSG Orientation  
1200 - 1300: Lunch  
1300 - 1700: CSG Orientation  
1700 - 1800: Dinner  
1800 - 2000: NCO Time  
2130: Lights Out

## **Sunday, May 23rd:**

0530: Wake Up  
0600 - 0700: Pack hike  
0700 - 0830: Personal Hygiene / Barracks Clean Up / Breakfast  
0830 - 1200: Fire Service Expectations  
1200: Release