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Subject: National Aerial Firefighting Academy Course

To: Course Nominee's

Congratulations! You have been selected to attend the 2009 National Aerial Firefighting Academy Course. We are pleased that you will be joining us as a participant in this course and look forward to seeing you.

The course dates are January 13 – 16, 2009. The course will begin on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 0800 and finish at 1200 on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. The following information will assist you in making your arrangements for this course.

Course Location:

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NAFRI is located in the vicinity of the Tucson International Airport. A map of the area can be found on our website, <http://nafri.gov/pages/locationandlogistics.htm>.

Travel Arrangements:

Participants are expected to attend the entire training session. When making your return flight arrangements, allow at least 15 minutes to travel from NAFRI to the airport by car.

Lodging:

The NAFRI website, above, has a listing and maps of nearby hotels. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations. The hotels and inns located in the area provide a wide variety of amenities suitable for all visitors. Most are located within a mile of NAFRI. Please mention you are with NAFRI.

Dining:

Most hotels offer a continental breakfast...some require that you are with NAFRI, so don't forget to mention it when making reservations or at check-in. There are plenty of lunch options within walking distance of the facility. The dinner opportunities include three hotel restaurants, Denny's, Waffle House, and fast food options. The hotels often will provide a shuttle within a five mile radius with some advance notice.

Transportation:

A rental car is not necessary if you are staying in a hotel near NAFRI. Many of the hotels will provide a shuttle to sessions, and NAFRI will be providing a van shuttle service to and from the hotels as needed for the course, once in the morning and again after class in the afternoon. You can complete the Shuttle Request Form on the NAFRI website or call the main number (520-799-8787) to arrange for shuttle pickup by the NAFRI van.

If you should have a change in plans and need to cancel your attendance in the course, please let us know as soon as possible, it may allow someone on a wait list to attend in your place.

Please contact Tim Peterson, Course Coordinator, (520) 799-8757, email: [tjpeterson@fs.fed.us](mailto:tjpeterson@fs.fed.us), with any questions or concerns about the NAFA Course.

  
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NAFRI Director

## NATIONAL AERIAL FIREFIGHTING ACADEMY

**Monday  
January 12, 2009**

1300	Faculty Meeting	Cadre
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**Tuesday  
January 13, 2009**

0800 - 0805	NAFRI Administration Details	Tim Peterson
<b>UNIT I</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION AND FIRE BASICS</b>	<b>JOEL LANE, Unit Leader</b>
0805 - 0810	Welcome and Introductions	Kathy Allred
0810 - 0940	I-A Guest Speaker	Cathe' Fish
0940 - 1040	I-B Fire Behavior/Fuel Models	Joel Lane / Pete Koerber
1040 - 1055	- BREAK	
1055 - 1210	I-B Fire Behavior/Fuel Models -Continued-	Joel Lane / Pete Koerber
1210 - 1310	- LUNCH -	
1310 - 1440	I-C Dispatching of Aerial Resources/ Flight Following Status	Doug Shinn/Shaulna Smith
1440 - 1455	- BREAK -	
1455 - 1640	Panel Discussion – Q & A (Dispatch, Contracting, Mgt., Safety members) (Shinn, Hightower, Norbury, Bates, Warbis)	

**Wednesday  
January 14, 2009**

<b>UNIT II</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY</b>	<b>KENNY CHAPMAN, Unit Leader</b>
0800 - 0930	II-A Fire Traffic Area & Integrating Air Operations	Kenny Chapman John Richardson
0930 - 0940	- BREAK -	
0940 - 1115	II-B Airspace (FAA Wings Seminar)	Ben Hinkle
1115 - 1215	- LUNCH -	
1215 - 1330	II-C Lessons Learned	Phil Oppenhiemer / Steve Maxwell / Bill Waldman
1330 - 1345	- BREAK -	
1345 - 1510	II-D CFIT	John Liston

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**Wednesday**  
**January 14, 2009**  
**UNIT III**

### TACTICS AND STRATEGIES

**GREG HOUSE, Unit Leader**

1510 -

Begin in Auditorium and then break into groups

#### -- BREAK OUT SESSIONS --

1515 - 1700

III-A Fire Chemical Use  
**Rincon 1 & 2**  
**Catalina 1**

III-B Tactics/Strategies  
**Sonoran Room**

III-C Target Description Fire  
Size Up (Sole Resource)  
**Chiricahuas 1 & 2**  
**Santa Ritas 1 & 2,**

#### GROUP A

Rusty Warbis  
Shirley Zylstra  
Ann Suter

#### GROUP B

Kenny Chapman  
John Richardson  
John Liston  
Peter Koerber

#### GROUP C

Lynn Flock  
Greg House  
Ron Barrett  
Ryan Curl  
Steve Maxwell  
Brent Conner

**Thursday**  
**January 15, 2009**

#### -- BREAK OUT SESSIONS CONTINUED --

III-A Chemical Use  
**Rincon 1 & 2**  
**Catalina 1**

III-B Tactics/Strategies  
**Sonoran Room**

III-C Target Description Fire  
Size Up (Sole Resource)  
**Santa Rita 1 & 2**  
**Chiricahuas 1 & 2**

0800 - 0955

#### GROUP B

#### GROUP C

#### GROUP A

0955 - 1005

- BREAK -

1005 - 1200

#### GROUP C

#### GROUP A

#### GROUP B

1200 - 1300

- LUNCH -

1300 - 1330

III - D MAFFS

Lt. Col. Wylie Walno

1330 - 1400

III - E Scoopers

Matt Ziomek

1410 - 1510

III- F SEAT Utilization

Phil Oppenheimer / Mark Bickham

1510 - 1520

- BREAK -

1520 - 1620

III - G Type I Helicopter Utilization

Kenny Chapman / John Liston / Rick Dunlap

1620 - 1700

III - H Very Large Airtankers

Lynn Flock / John Richardson

1700 - 1730

SIM TEAM MEETING

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**Friday**  
**January 16, 2009**

0800 - 0815

Fire Simulation Demo

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0815 - 1115

III-I Fire Simulation/CRM

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1115 - 1205

Course Evaluation and Close Out

Kathy Allred

1215 -

Steering Committee Close Out

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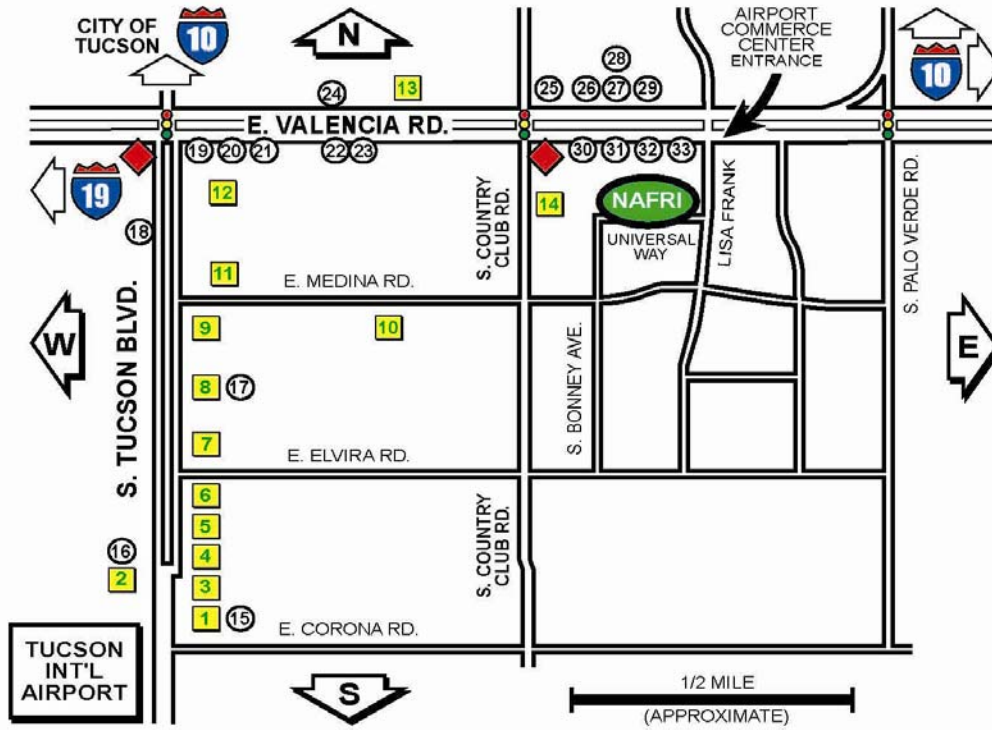
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1 Tucson Airport Hotel & Suites	5 Fairfield Inn	9 Holiday Inn Exp.	13 Residence Inn Marriott
2 Best Western Las Brisas	6 Comfort Ste.	10 Country Inn	14 Hilton Garden Inn
3 La Quinta Inn	7 Hyatt Place	11 Courtyard Marriott	
4 Hampton Inn	8 Clarion Hotel	12 Quality Inn	
15 Finnegan's	20 Kyoto Bowl	25 McDonald's	30 Sachiko Sushi
16 The Inn Place & Las Brisas Bar/Grill	21 Denny's	26 Wendy's	31 Los Betos
17 Morgan's	22 Jerry Bob's	27 Baggins	32 Eegee's
18 Subway	23 Quiznos	28 Cafe Nation	33 Schlotzky's
19 Burger King	24 Waffle House	29 Carl's Jr.	

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## Nearby Hotels

<b>Best Western Las Brisas</b> ....	7060 S. Tucson Blvd .....	520-746-0271/800-780-7234
	Fax 520-889-7391 .....	<a href="http://www.bestwestern.com">www.bestwestern.com</a>
<b>Clarion Hotel</b> .....	6801 S. Tucson Blvd .....	520-746-3932/877-424-6423
	Fax 520-889-9934 .....	<a href="http://www.choicehotels.com">www.choicehotels.com</a>
<b>Comfort Suites</b> .....	6935 S. Tucson Blvd .....	520-295-4400/877-424-6423
	Fax 520-295-4497 .....	<a href="http://www.choicehotels.com">www.choicehotels.com</a>
<b>Country Inn &amp; Suites</b> .....	6681 S. Tucson Blvd .....	520-741-9000/888-201-1746
	Fax 520-741-9100 .....	<a href="http://www.countryinns.com">www.countryinns.com</a>
<b>Courtyard by Marriott</b> .....	2505 E. Executive Drive .....	520-573-0000/800-321-2211
	Fax 520-573-0470 .....	<a href="http://www.courtyard.com">www.courtyard.com</a>
<b>Fairfield Inn by Marriott</b> .....	6955 S. Tucson Blvd .....	520-295-8800/800-228-2800
	Fax 520-295-8898 .....	<a href="http://www.fairfieldinn.com">www.fairfieldinn.com</a>
<b>Hampton Inn</b> .....	6971 S. Tucson Blvd .....	520-918-9000/800-426-7866
	Fax 520-889-4002 .....	<a href="http://www.hamptoninn.com">www.hamptoninn.com</a>
<b>Hilton Garden Inn</b> .....	6575 S. Country Club Road	
	<b>Scheduled to open early 2008</b>	
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> .....	2548 E. Median Road .....	520-899-6600/888-465-4329
	Fax 520-889-6168 .....	<a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com">www.ichotelsgroup.com</a>
<b>Hyatt Place</b> .....	6885 S Tucson Blvd .....	520-295-0405/888-HYATT HP
	Fax 520-295-9140 .....	<a href="http://www.tucsonairport.place.hyatt.com">www.tucsonairport.place.hyatt.com</a>
<b>La Quinta Inn &amp; Suites</b> .....	7001 S. Tucson Blvd .....	520-573-3333/866-725-1661
	Fax 520-573-7710 .....	<a href="http://www.laquinta.com">www.laquinta.com</a>
	Enter NAFRI in promotion/corporate field	
<b>Quality Inn Airport</b> .....	2803 E. Valencia .....	520-294-2500/866-725-1661
	Fax 520-741-0851 .....	<a href="http://www.qualityinn.com">www.qualityinn.com</a>
<b>Residence Inn by Marriott</b> ..	2660 E. Medina Road .....	520-294-5522/888-236-2427
	Fax 520-294-5542 .....	<a href="http://www.marriott.com">http://www.marriott.com</a>
	Scheduled to open early 2008	
<b>Tucson Airport Hotel</b> .....	7051 S. Tucson Blvd .....	520-573-0700
<b>&amp; Suites</b>	Fax 520-741-9645 .....	<a href="http://www.tucsonairportsuiteshotel.com">www.tucsonairportsuiteshotel.com</a>

### Specify TUCSON AIRPORT Location

All hotels provide shuttle service to and from the airport, as well as daily shuttle to and from the Institute. All hotels provide a free continental breakfast. Please mention you are with NAFRI. Other amenities are provided on a hotel by hotel basis. Be sure to confirm with the hotel when making your reservations.

# Tucson Facts and Recreation

Tucson is located in the Sonoran Desert approximately 100 miles south of Phoenix and 60 miles north of the Mexico border. It is 2,389 feet above sea level. You can expect typical Sonoran Desert climate during your stay. Temperature highs and lows from November to March are usually in the seventies during the day and forties at night. Late spring and summer daytime temperatures can run into the one-hundreds, with fifty to seventy degrees at night. Tucson receives an average of 350 days of sunshine annually.

Arizona is located in the Mountain Standard Time Zone (MST), however, AZ does not adjust to Daylight Savings Time, and therefore, during the months of April through October, AZ time mirrors Pacific Daylight Time.

Tucson is an ideal area for recreational and cultural activities, if the length of your stay allows time for exploration. Tucson has the flavor of a metropolitan area without forgetting the cultural amenities of its pioneer past. The area abounds with art museums, theaters, restaurants, resorts, and shopping areas.

Tucson metropolitan area covers 500 square miles and the valley is surrounded by five mountain ranges:

- Santa Catalinas – rugged range north and northeast
- Rincon – rolling mountains to the east
- Santa Rita – flanking the distant south & southeast
- Tucson Mountains – shorter, jagged mountains to the west
- Tortolita – closing the ring on the northwest side.

Tucson is the home of the Saguaro National Park, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and Coronado National Forest. All these areas provide an excellent interpretation of desert life. The Desert Museum features living examples of typical plants and animals.

Did you know that a Saguaro cactus doesn't start to grow its traditional arms until it is seventy-plus years old? You can learn this and more at the Saguaro National Park operated by the National Park Service. The Coronado National Forest is a study in contrasts. A two-hour drive can take you from desert to alpine lands where Mt. Lemmon features skiing in winter (weather permitting). More than thirty campgrounds are located throughout the Forest. Sabino Canyon east of Tucson is a popular spot known for its cool waters.

Other points of interest include Mission San Xavier del Bac south of Tucson; the frontier town of Tombstone where the famous OK Corral gun battle took place; Nogales, Sonora, Mexico for south-of-the-border shopping and sightseeing; and Tucson's many fine shopping areas including the Foothills, Tucson, Park Place, and El Con Malls.

Make sure you bring clothing suited to the time of your visit. You may want to pack athletic clothes, as the wide-open space provides many jogging and hiking areas.

For free visitor information, call or write:  
Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau  
130 S. Scott Avenue  
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# DINING

## **Finnegan's**

Located in Tucson Airport Hotel & Suites  
Food & Beverages served until 11:00 pm

## **Morgan's**

Located in the Clarion Hotel  
Food & Beverages served until 11:00 pm

## **The Inn Place**

Located in the Best Western Las Brisas  
Food & Beverages served in the evening from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm

## **Las Brisas Bar & Grill**

Located in the Best Western Las Brisas  
Food & Beverages served in the evening from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm

## **Sachiko Sushi**

Japanese cuisine, sushi bar and evening karaoke  
Food & Beverages served 10:30 am to 11:00 pm

## **Denny's**

24-hour restaurant

## **Jerry Bob's Family Restaurant**

Home-cooked food, Breakfast and lunch menu  
Food & Beverages served 5:00 am to 2:00 pm

## **Waffle House**

Breakfast anytime  
24 hour restaurant

## **Kyoto Bowl**

Japanese Cuisine  
Open 10:30 am to 9:00 pm

## **Los Betos Mexican Restaurant**

Drive-thru  
Open 4:30 am to 12 Midnight

## **Caffe Nation**

Coffee, espresso, bagels, baked goods and specialty lunch menu  
Free wireless internet available. Food & Beverages served 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

## **Fast Food in Area**

Burger King  
Baggins Gourmet Sandwiches  
Carl's Jr.  
Eegee's  
McDonald's

Quiznos  
Schlotzky's Deli  
Subway  
Wendy's