

Logistics

Event address:

14092 Butcher Road, Westfield, IA 51062

Event timeline:

Arrival - Sunday, May 31 (attendees may arrive earlier with prior permission)

Activities - Monday, June 1 through Friday, June 5

Departure - Friday, June 5 - no earlier than 1200 or Saturday, June 6 (attendees may stay later with permission)

Closest airports:

SUX (Sioux City, Iowa - 28 miles or 45 min drive)

FSD (Sioux Falls, SD - 78 miles or 90 min drive)

OMA (Omaha, NE - 117 miles or 2 hr 30 min drive)

Share travel information for car pooling or airport pick-up in the [Travel Connections](#) document.

Unloading and Parking:

Drive through the 2nd gate up to the Joy Hollow Lodge (HQ) when you arrive to check in and unload, then move your vehicle to the parking lot unless you bring equipment. Do not drive to the cabins to unload.

Equipment Staging:

Equipment (engines, tenders, utvs, portable torch fuel tank) will be staged in the mowed area south and east of the Lodge. Do not drive to the cabins to unload.

Closest gas stations:

The Station, 302 Portland St., Westfield, IA	8 miles
Casey's, 80 South St, Akron, IA	13 miles
Chubs Country Store, 100 IA-12, Akron, IA	13 miles
Riverside Country Store, 2404 Riverside Blvd, Sioux City	16 miles

Lodging:

Attendees will be staying in communal housing on site, either in 1 of 6 bunkhouse-style cabins that sleep 8 or in the Lodge dormitory. You may also bring a tent to camp onsite. Mattresses are very similar to [these](#), so bringing an additional sleeping pad is recommended. See the [Gear List](#) for additional recommended and required items.

Shower/Bathroom Facilities:

Our restroom and shower facilities were originally built in the 1980s for youth campers, so they may feel more rustic and limited compared to modern standards. There is a shower house near the cabins with 3 toilet stalls and 3 shower stalls, and the Lodge (HQ) offers 2 restrooms, each with 2 toilet stalls and 2 shower stalls. We encourage everyone to coordinate and plan shower times thoughtfully to ensure all attendees have access when needed.

Meals:

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and limited snacks will be available Monday - Thursday. Breakfast will be provided Friday morning with a lunch of leftovers. Please note any dietary restrictions on your application. You are welcome to bring your own food but be aware that refrigerator space is not available.

Wifi and cell service:

Wifi is available in the Lodge (HQ). Cell service can be spotty or nonexistent in some areas, but coverage is generally good on top of hills.

For questions, accommodations, attendance issues, or schedule changes, email trailblazersfireacademy@gmail.com.