



# Smoke Signals

Indian Hills Fire Protection District

Serving the Citizens of Indian Hills Since 1947

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***Are You Ready For Wildfire Season?***

Summer's here and in our community that means the threat of wildfire. We've been fortunate during the last few years to have not had a major wild land incident. Last year's above average moisture helped reduce the threat but allowed for a growth spurt of ladder fuels. Our concern is that if the moisture levels don't remain high again this year, we may have an increased risk and even if our moisture level remains high this year, it's just pushing the potential 'down the road' to a dry year. So we can't become complacent. The district has already experienced two wildfire incidents including a 20 acre fire this year. Ideally, a 30 foot 'defensible space' should be maintained around all structures. Here's a review of basic mitigation steps for all homeowners to reduce the impact should a fire occur.

*Clean pine needles and debris from gutters and roof tops.*

*Trim branches that overhang your roof.*

*Keep branches at least 15 feet away from your chimney.*

*Keep grasses mowed to 6 inches within 30 feet of your structures.*

*Stack firewood at least 30 feet from structures and keep flammable vegetation at least 15 feet from wood piles.*

*Remove dead trees.*

*Remove shrubs and lower branches from under trees in your defensible space. Typically prune branches up to 10 feet off the ground.*

*Propane tanks should be at least 30 feet from your structure. Keep vegetation at least 10 feet from the tank.*

*Remove all slash/debris from your property. (see slash collection sites/dates on page 3 )*

For more information on how to mitigate your property check out the following websites:

[https://www.co.jefferson.co.us/jeffco/sheriff\\_uploads/IH\\_CWPP\\_final.pdf](https://www.co.jefferson.co.us/jeffco/sheriff_uploads/IH_CWPP_final.pdf)

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/wildfire/index.shtm>

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For more community information check out our website at: [www.ihfr.org](http://www.ihfr.org)



### **JULY 4<sup>th</sup> Schedule of Events**



Once again, Indian Hills Fire /Rescue will host a traditional Fourth of July celebration. The day-long event celebrates our nations birthday beginning with a Pancake Breakfast for the public, followed by a **AirLife** Helicopter fly-in and display, a traditional Parade, food vendors and live musical entertainment throughout the late afternoon and evening culminating in one of the best and largest fireworks displays (weather permitting) in the entire metro/mountain area. With the exception of the pancake breakfast, all events are free to the public. Come join us for a fun day!

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| <b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</b>                      | <b>7:00 am – 11:00am</b>          |
|   | \$7 Adults, \$5 Seniors & Kids    |
| <b>AirLife HELICOPTER FLY-IN</b>              | <b>10:00am – 11:00am</b>          |
| <b>COMMUNITY PARADE</b>                       | <b>11:00am – 1:00pm</b>           |
| <b>FOOD, ICE CREAM VENDORS</b>                | <b>Afternoon – till fireworks</b> |
| <b>LIVE MUSIC</b>                             | <b>Afternoon – till fireworks</b> |
| <b>FIREWORKS (at dusk-weather permitting)</b> | <b>9:20pm</b>                     |

*All events will be held at or adjacent to Indian Hills Fire Station – 4476 Parmalee Gulch Rd.*

*Currently there are three bands scheduled to appear with a finale leading up to the fireworks display by the*

**RED HOT BLUES CATZ**

The day's events are organized and conducted by members of the **Indian Hills Fire Department** and the local community who graciously volunteer hundreds of hours to ensure the celebration is a success. Donations to help cover the cost of the day's activities are great appreciated.

***No taxpayer funds are used for these events.***

### Our Mission Statement

Indian Hills Fire/Rescue is dedicated to the protection of the Indian Hills community and those who live, work and travel within the borders of the Indian Hills Fire Protection District. IHFR members are dedicated to providing a safe secure environment for the community by minimizing the impact of fires, natural and/or human-caused disasters, hazardous conditions, and personal emergencies. The department is dedicated to the protection of life, property and the environment through a commitment to excellence in emergency response, training, public education, fire prevention, and the efficient utilization of resources.

### 2010 Slash Collection Schedule & Locations

All dates are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### June 19-20, 2010

Conifer High School (sponsored by Elk Creek Fire)  
and  
Inter-Canyon Fire Station #3: 8445 S. Hwy. 285  
(1 block north of firehouse on Settlers Drive)

#### July 17-18, 2010

Conifer High School (sponsored by Elk Creek Fire)  
and  
Evergreen High School (sponsored by Evergreen Fire)

#### August 14-15, 2010

Inter-Canyon Fire Station #3: 8445 S. Hwy. 285  
(1 block north of firehouse on Settlers Drive)  
and  
Foothills Fire Station: Highway 40 & Lookout Mountain Road

**Rooney Road Collection Site Open Daily 7AM – 5PM**

**151 Rooney Road, Golden      303-710-9120**

### Fees for 2010 Remote Slash Collection Program

Small Pickup - Bed High: \$5  
Small Pickup - Cab High: \$8  
Small Pickup - Above Cab High:  
\$10

Large Pickup - Bed High: \$8  
Large Pickup - Cab High: \$10  
Large Pickup - Above Cab High:  
\$12

Trailer - Single Axle: \$10  
Trailer - Double Axle: \$15

Dump Truck - Cab High: \$20  
Dump Truck - Above Cab High: \$25

Collection site **will accept** the following items:  
Slash / limbs / tree debris / pine needles  
Maximum length: 8 Feet  
Maximum diameter: 6 Inches

Collection site **will NOT accept** the following items:  
Household trash / tree stumps  
Construction material, Refuse from commercial operations.

## Big Chili Cook-Off 2010

**The *Big Chili Cook-Off* is primed for another great event in 2010. This will be the ninth year for the event. Plan to attend this annual music, art and chili extravaganza!**

**The event will be held at the Evergreen Lake House, 29614 Upper Bear Creek Rd., in beautiful downtown Evergreen on the lake.**

**The event features a chili cook-off competition, live music, the Firefighter Challenge competition, juried Art Show and children's activities.**

**Gates open at 10:30 a.m. with chili sampling beginning at noon. Live music will begin at 10:30 a.m. and run continuously till 5 p.m.**

**Chili awards and Fire fighter tribute will be at 5 p.m. 9th Annual Big Chili Cook-Off, Music & Arts Festival benefits the six Mountain Area Fire Departments and the Blue Spruce Kiwanis Foundation.**

**[info@bigchili.org](mailto:info@bigchili.org)**



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**HOW TO BECOME AN INDIAN HILLS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER/EMT**

Living in the Indian Hills community offers a unique lifestyle that is not for everyone. With that lifestyle also come unique opportunities and challenges. Unlike living in a metropolitan area, residents often must rely on their neighbors and each other for help in an emergency. The Indian Hills Fire Protection District is recruiting new members to help serve our unique community. Our Firefighters, First Responders and EMT's are your neighbors. You may know them. They are community members who graciously give their time to help their neighbors and others when emergencies arise. As residents of the community, they have a vested interest in the safety, welfare and vitality of Indian Hills and its residents. In addition to providing a beneficial service to the community, volunteers enjoy the camaraderie and satisfaction of working as a team, knowing they are making a difference. Being an Indian Hills Fire / Rescue volunteer is not only about responding to emergencies. IHFR members are also involved in many non-emergency and community oriented activities such as public education, fire prevention and are the primary sponsors of the traditional July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday activities including one of the best fireworks displays in the area. These are your neighbors.

Serving as an Indian Hills Fire / Rescue volunteer can be an exciting, rewarding and satisfying opportunity. Maybe you've considered helping but don't think you have the time or knowledge. You may be surprised at the ease with which you can begin to serve your community. Just a few hours a month can make a big difference. Members of Indian Hills Fire/Rescue are trained and equipped at the district's expense. All you need to invest is a little time. Department members are eligible for various benefits including life insurance, worker's compensation insurance for injuries while on the job, and even a pension after a minimum number of years in service.

Most importantly, volunteer members of the Indian Hills Fire/Rescue have found that their service has enriched their lives and all the Indian Hills residents. Your greatest reward will be the thanks and gratitude of your neighbors and friends. Please join us in serving your community. For more information go to our website – [www.ihfr.org](http://www.ihfr.org) or give us a call at 303-697-4568. You

can attend one of our meetings or training sessions held every Tuesday from 7:00 – 9:00PM. Stop by and meet your neighbors and see the benefits and satisfaction of being involved in the community first hand.