



## BILOXI FIRE EXPLORERS Post 246



Hello from all of Biloxi Fire Explorers Post 246!! We have just completed our first year in this program and are very proud to present to you our very first newsletter.



Now here is a word from our **Post President, Matthew Sovell:**

In Explorers Post 246, we have recently been through many changes and have been very busy the past few weeks. But in our time spent here so far, we have learned to work more and more as a team and have become very close friends. We have started our Explorers training. Right now, we are currently studying fire behavior. We have done many volunteering jobs such as helping with the opening of the Fire Museum, helping with the fire parade, and shopping for the Angel Tree. We have enjoyed working with Deputy Chief Mark Dronet on Project Impact within Edgewater mall. We have also participated in raising money to fund Biloxi Fire Explorers Post 246 with the car wash and T-shirt sales. We recently went to Gulf Island National Seashore for an overnight campout. We are looking forward to participating in the Scouts Show coming up in March, going to the New Orleans Fire Museum, and lots and lots of fire training.



And here are a few letters from all of Post 246:



Vice-President Administrative **Winston Wedgeworth:**

Since I have been in the Fire Explorers, we have done many things. Of the many things, my favorite was the camping trip that we had recently. We are planning on weight lifting, which I am looking forward to. I have been waiting to do more activities within the year.



Vice-President Programming **Travis Neves:**

I was elected this next term to take over programming which I will work hard to try to work with everyone here to develop a program we will all enjoy and learn from.



Treasurer **Erika Ritter:**

I was one of the first explorers to start last year. So far, I have been a secretary and now I am a treasurer. This year I have learned how much it takes to be a fire fighter. We have learned how to use fire extinguishers, pull hoses, how to take better care of ourselves, and how to determine between different fires and hazards. We have done lots of stuff also. Camping and volunteering has been the greatest experience I have had. Besides sports, this keeps me busy. I hope to learn more about fire fighting and stay for a long time.



Secretary **Tiffany Fairchild**

I think that everything we have done so far in Fire Explorers is very educational. As the secretary right now, I know what kind of responsibilities are required. I love what we do, and I enjoy coming to the meetings to see everyone, and to give me something to do every week. I have a lot of fun doing things that can help our community. Brandon first got me to join, and in the beginning I didn't really care much about everything. Now that I have gotten into the program, I don't want to get out. I have so much fun with my friends, and have gotten to know them better. Hopefully after all of all this training, it might change the way I think about what I want to do with my life.



Former President **Brandon Roberts**

I joined the explorers program because I thought that it would be interesting. We have done a few community projects such as the Scout Show, Firefighter's Day activities, working at the fire museum and other

various projects. It has been a real fun experience. I hope it gets even better.

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Editor **Robert Baker**

I have done a lot more things in Fire Explorers than I thought, physically and mentally. At first I joined just because my friend Matt told me to join and was my friend so I did. At first I thought I would hate it. Then I began to like it because I began to learn a lot of cool stuff. I also learned that 50 pounds of weight that make up a fire fighters gear is pretty light. I have a better sense of responsibility now that I used to. I hope I learn a whole lot more from this excellent program.



Member **Josh Fayard**

Josh has overcome many obstacles to participate and do as much as possible with us! Josh has participated in fire drills, SCBA drills, and is our best fund raiser of all. We are proud to have such a wonderful, enthusiastic person on our team.





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