Thank you for your interest in Baltimore City Fire Department’s “Camp SPARK” program; a fire service empowerment camp for girls. Camp Spark is a two-day event taking place on **August 19th and 20th, 2023** at the **Baltimore City Fire Academy, 6720 Pulaski Highway**. **Camp Spark orientation** will be held on **Friday, August 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** for parents and participants to meet counselors, pick up t-shirts, and for a Q&A session. Please review the helpful information below before submitting your Camp SPARK application.

**Attire and Equipment**

Campers must wear loose fitting exercise clothes, their CAMP SPARK t- shirt and dark colored shorts with athletic shoes. Camp Spark shirts will be distributed Friday, August 18th during orientation and should be worn on both days. We recommend having an additional change of clothes in a small bag and a towel. Hair must be properly secured/tied up to fit into a helmet when needed. Food and beverages will be provided on both days.

**Hours of Operation**

Campers should be at the camp each morning by 7:45 a.m. Camp activities will end at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. All campers are required to participate in clean-up activities at the end of the day. Clean-up may take at least 30 minutes. Campers are expected to attend both days of camp activities. Plan to be there at 5 p.m. for camper pick-up.

**Transportation to and from Camp Spark**

Campers are responsible for their own transportation to and from the camp each day. Parents/guardians/friends/family members are not permitted to remain at the camp site during the daily activities. There will be designated drop-off and pick-up areas once you arrive at the camp.

**Personal Items**

We encourage campers not to bring unnecessary valuable items to the camp site. You may bring your cell phone but will not be permitted to use them during camp activities. You will be responsible for any loss or damages to your personal items. A towel and a change of clothes are recommended and should be in a small bag that can be kept on site.

**Safety, Rules and Regulations**

Safety is a top priority at Camp Spark. All campers will be expected to follow the rules and instructions provided by the camp instructors, counselors, mentors and safety personnel. Any camper that does not follow rules or instructions or who does not display a positive attitude will not be permitted to participate in camp activities and will be required to notify their parent or guardian to pick them up immediately.

**Participation in Camp Activities**

Campers are expected to participate in each activity to the extent they are able. It is expected campers will participate in the physical training (squats, push-ups, stretching, etc.) to prepare them for the daily activities.

**Graduation Ceremony**

On the second and final day of Camp Spark a brief graduation ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. to acknowledge the achievements of each camper. Parents, guardians, friends and family members are all invited to attend at 3:00 p.m. for the closing ceremony, lasting until 4:00 p.m.