



## Welcome!

The Student Association for Fire Ecology is dedicated to exploring the role of fire in ecosystem processes. SAFE is the student organization of the Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) and benefits from their international expertise, funding, and networking.

Since 2000, colleges and universities across North America have started SAFE chapters to bring awareness of the role of fire in their local ecosystems and to describe the ways the public can benefit from education and prescribed and natural fire. SAFE consists of a network of campus chapters, each with a faculty advisor.

SAFE's objective is to provide students from diverse backgrounds with an open forum on fire ecology through which research can be shared, networks formed, and funding and information resources can be accessed. SAFE helps you connect your interest in fire ecology nationally and internationally, highlighting and facilitating opportunities for students!

AFE provides travel grants to SAFE members wishing to attend annual AFE conferences, where you can participate in mentor functions and chapter panel discussions, present papers, meet speakers, and enjoy many other activities with other students and fire professionals.

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**Joining AFE** is quick and convenient with our online membership application. All SAFE members join through AFE and qualify for the student discount.

**Annual Membership Dues:** \$25 for Students

Go to <https://fireecology.org/join-login> for more information about membership.

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## Start a SAFE Chapter at Your School Today!

**Secure a faculty advisor**— First, you will need to get a faculty advisor at your school. Faculty advisors help make sure things run smoothly within the chapter and communicate ideas to outsiders. Faculty advisors should be interested and knowledgeable in fire ecology.

**Establish a student organization**— Although each school is different, there should be some sort of student organization main office that will have the specific criteria for starting your chapter. This office may also have ideas for recruitment and activities your chapter can participate in.

**Recruit members**— There are several ways to recruit members to your chapter.

- Give short, 5-10 minute talks to introductory classes in your department about your chapter and activities you participate in.

- Hand out brochures or fliers about your chapter at college wide events or freshmen orientations. A sample SAFE brochure can be printed from the AFE website.
- Help other organizations on campus with work projects or activities they participate in.
- Post signs around your department that specify the meeting times and places.

**Chapter Activities**—The organization may participate in several activities throughout the school year. These activities can be fun and educational.

- Set up booths at local festivals and events with activities that give off a positive message about fire ecology.
- Invite guest speakers to chapter meetings to talk about current fire events or job opportunities. These guest speakers can be professionals in the field of forestry or fire ecology.
- Take educational field trips that involve fire ecology, or attend tours at state parks or museums.
- Hold fundraisers to send SAFE members to AFE conferences or other educational events.
- Attend AFE conferences. Information about these conferences can be found on the AFE website: <http://www.fireecology.org>.

**Chapter Dues**—The chapter may be required by the school to pay membership dues. Each school is different, so you should check with the student organization office.

- AFE dues: To be an active student member of AFE, membership fees are \$25 per year, per student. This will get students involved in the National Student Association for Fire Ecology. They will receive updates on upcoming activities and be able to attend conference calls. Students will also receive monthly AFE newsletters.
- If the school requires dues, each member of the chapter may be required to pay a small fee per school year.

**National SAFE**—

- The National Student Association for Fire Ecology holds yearly meeting, usually held in concurrent with the AFE conference.
- If you are interested in becoming an officer of the National SAFE, contact any of the officers for information or questions you may have.

**Other Activities**—

- Check out examples of what other chapters are doing at <https://fireecology.org/safe-in-Action>. If you are still unsure of activities your chapter can participate in, you may contact representatives from any of the active chapters below:
  - Oregon State University (Pyromaniacs): Chris Dunn, [chris.dunn@oregonstate.edu](mailto:chris.dunn@oregonstate.edu)
  - University of Idaho: Peter Noble, [peter@uidaho.edu](mailto:peter@uidaho.edu)

**SAFE members are also AFE members, and they receive the same membership benefits:**

**Conferences**—AFE hosts some of the most exciting fire ecology conferences in the world! AFE members will receive discounted registration rates on all of our conferences and priority selection for presenting at our conferences over nonmembers. As well, there may be special “members only” activities such as field trips, socials, or presentations during our conferences or

at other times. Our upcoming conferences can be found on our website at [www.fireecology.org/conferences/upcoming-conferences/](http://www.fireecology.org/conferences/upcoming-conferences/).

**The AFE Newsletter**—This E-publications bring you the latest AFE news, policy updates, and fire information. Members will receive notices and links for this publication directly by email.

**Awards**—AFE has annual prestigious awards that it gives out to outstanding students and professionals in the field of fire ecology. Only AFE members can submit nominations for awards.

**Job Board**—This excellent resource for fire ecology related jobs and research positions will now be accessible to members only.

**Online Community**—Only AFE members can access our membership directory, join a list-serve on topics of interest (coming soon), and participate in our member discussion boards.

**And more to come**—We are continuing to develop our membership benefits to show our appreciation to our members. And we'd love to hear from you! If you have ideas, comments, suggestions, or questions, please contact us at [office@fireecology.net](mailto:office@fireecology.net).

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## How to Establish a SAFE Chapter:

If you have any further questions about starting a SAFE Chapter at your university, contact the SAFE President. Go to <https://fireecology.org/about-safe> to find contact information for the current SAFE President.

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## For More Information:

For more information or questions about the Association for Fire Ecology, you can contact AFE at [office@fireecology.net](mailto:office@fireecology.net).

Learn more about SAFE at: [www.fireecology.org/sections/safe/](http://www.fireecology.org/sections/safe/)

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