



Forestville Convention 2025

Dear Fellow Firefighters,

Can you believe that the convention is a mere 2 months away? Neither can we!! It seems like yesterday that we agreed to host the convention and now here we are. Plans are in the works to bring an exciting 3 days of entertainment and fellowship back while trying to restore the ambiance of the Southwestern convention.

This year's theme for the convention is "Music in the Ville!!" We are looking forward to seeing how unique you can decorate your dugout and how well you can make the comic parade Friday night shake, rattle, and roll!!

This year, the convention is going back to the traditional three day event starting on Thursday. However, your department/company may open your dugout on Wednesday afternoon. Registration will be open and run from 4pm until 7pm the convention headquarters located at the American Legion. There will not be a kick-off dinner. Instead we will be hosting a "meet and greet" to welcome all the great firefighters to the convention. T-shirts and mugs will be available for purchase during open registration (see attached flyer if you would like to pre-order, your shirt as supply will be limited)

Dugouts are currently being shown, if you have not gotten your dugout yet, please reach out to the committee and they will accommodate your department/company's need to the best of our availability.

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***It is important this year to register and receive your convention lanyard as each night of the convention and headlined by Thursday nights band "Nerds Gone Wild" we will be charging a cover charge to enter the beer tent. ALL FIREFIGHTERS WHO HAVE REGISTERED AND RECEIVED THEIR CONVENTION LANYARD WILL NOT BE CHARGED THE COVER!! The lineup of band for the weekend is as follows: (see attached video on the Forestville-Fire Dept and Southwestern's Facebook pages) ***

Thursday—Nerds Gone Wild

Friday—Two Towns

Saturday—Furious George

THURSDAY

Will once again be a training day. Southwestern is working in conjunction with FASNY, NYSAFC and Chautauqua County on training opportunities. In the works is an auto-extrication hands-on training session along with some classroom style seminars.

Also plans are in the works for a fire truck pull as this year's firematic competition—more info to follow so please check out Facebook for that announcement!!

FRIDAY

We will be having a BBQ Smoke-Off sponsored by Smith's True Value—so get those smokers out and present your best Brisket, Ribs, Chicken etc. to be judged!!

Along with the smoke off, there will be a poker run promoting dugout hopping once again.

Remember to decorate those dugouts as we will be judging the best dugout contest winner and then get ready for the comic parade @ 7pm.

Also remember on Friday, in the morning, is the Southwestern's annual memorial service honoring all the fallen firefighters @ 9am. At 10am, the meeting commences with the awards for the high school scholarship winners, a fire prevention contest, service awards and presentation of the Firefighter of the Year.

SATURDAY

Will culminate the convention with an antique fire muster in the morning showing off apparatus from the days of yore!! Leading up to the grand parade starting at 3pm. We hope to see a good contingency of marching units along with fire apparatus.

The awards presentation will be at the hospitality tent during the band's 1st intermission at 8pm.

Firematically,

Forestville Convention Committee