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A WORD FROM FCIA'S BOARD PRESIDENT

Welcome to the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show '23.

First and foremost, I want to thank each of you for being a part of our Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) family. By being involved in the FCIA, not only are you pushing a new and exciting industry forward, but you are also supporting an industry that truly can save lives.

It has been a genuine honor to serve as the 2023 FCIA Board President. Firestopping is something I have been passionate about since I first learned about the industry. Not only was I intrigued about how important it is for life safety, but I was also surprised by how many people knew so little about it. The second I fully understood the importance of proper firestopping, I knew that this was the career path for me. Since then, I have dedicated the last 11 years of my life to learning, studying, teaching, and growing the life safety industry. The FCIA has been instrumental in giving me and my business the tools needed to truly become experts in the field. Thus, it has been an honor to give back to this organization so that others may experience the same.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as president in 2023. It has been particularly exciting to meet so many new and enthusiastic faces at our various events. I am noticing a strong youthful movement in the firestopping industry, which I truly believe bodes well for our industry as a whole.

It is my firm belief that the future of the firestopping industry lies in education and awareness. The more people that fully understand why firestopping needs to be installed properly, the better chance we have at continuing to push this profession in a positive direction. For this reason, a main focus over the past year has been to advance our virtual education offerings by expanding the FCIA Education Program (FEP), formerly known as the FCAEP (Firestop Certificate of Achievement Education Program). I am proud to say that we had a very productive year accomplishing this. We released the Firestop Level 3 Program, which consists of education in 3 categories: Specifications, Estimating, and Project Management. This content builds on the Firestop Level 1 and Level 2 Programs that were released in 2022. We also designed and rolled out a Learning Administrator Portal, as requested by our voting member contractors. It is my hope that we will continue to build upon this groundbreaking program so that we may provide accessible and reliable education to as many people as we possibly can.

If you want to make a difference, I challenge you to become part of a FCIA Committee. It takes the next generation of Specialty Firestopping Installation Contractors to step up and do their part in continuing to change and mold our industry and Association. We are always excited to see new faces and to hear new ideas.

I also want to thank all the trailblazers that came before us, including a special "Thank you" to all those who have served on the FCIA Board of Directors and to Bill McHugh and his amazing team. There are so many people that have dedicated so much of their time and energy to build the industry we have today. To all of you, "Thank you." All your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

FCIA has a number of fantastic events planned for 2024. I look forward to meeting you in-person if you get the chance to make it to one of them. You don't want to miss all the great content FCIA has in store for us!

In closing, I want to thank you all once more for the continued support. We would not be able to have such a successful and impactful organization without each one of you! Enjoy the event, and thank you for your commitment to fire and life safety! Here's to a great 2024!

Tyler Ferguson

Tyler Ferguson, 2023 FCIA Board President

FCIA COMMITTEES NEED YOU...(TO JOIN AND GET INVOLVED)

FCIA Committees are comprised of FCIA Member volunteers who work together on various pieces of Association business, from Codes and Standards development to Marketing outreach and more. This collaboration is how we gain industry consensus on issues related to the improvement of fire and life safety in buildings around the globe and how we create opportunities for the growth of our industry.

Consider volunteering your time and talents with one of the following Committees. Contact the Committee Chair(s) or cathy@FCIA.org for additional information or to inquire about joining a Committee. Detailed descriptions of each Committee can be found at www.FCIA.org/ABOUT-FCIA/Committees.

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WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams Sessions help FCIA Members attain and maintain FM 4991 Approved or UL-ULC Qualified Firestop DRI status, Firestop Inspectors to prove competence to AHJ's or International Accreditation Services IAS AC 291 Special Inspection Agency responsible individual status.

All times listed are in MDT.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

HAWK

- 7:30 am - 2:00 pm Registration Open
- 7:30 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast for Quality Management System and Firestop Exam Education Session Attendees
Sponsored by FCIA
- 8:00 am - 8:30 am FCIA: The Vision, The Mission, The Association
****Open to all FCIA FIC Conference Attendees****
Bill McHugh, FCIA
- 8:30 am - 10:00 am FCIA Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams
Rich Walke, CTI
- 10:00 am - 10:15 am Break
Sponsored by Inpro
- 10:15 am - 11:30 am FCIA Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams, continued
Rich Walke, CTI
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm FCIA Management System Manual Development Education
Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals | Ruben Sandoval Jr., UL Solutions | Rich Walke, CTI
- 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm Luncheon for Quality Management System and Firestop Exam Education Session Attendees
Sponsored by Thermafiber, Inc. (an Owens Corning Co.)
- 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exam for DRI Candidates & Inspection Personnel
Note: The UL-ULC Firestop Exam is an OPEN BOOK exam. UL-ULC Exam Participants MUST provide their own copy of the FCIA Manual of Practice. The ULC Addendum covers questions specific to Canada. The FM Firestop Exam DOES NOT allow use of the MOP during the exam.

TAMAYA E-H

- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Welcome Reception
Attendees, Spouses, Guests, and Speakers Welcome
Sponsored by Hilti North America



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WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

TAMAYA BALLROOM E-H

- 7:30 am – 11:00 am Conference Registration Open
- 7:30 am – 11:30 am Trade Show Floor Open
- 7:30 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
Sponsored by MM Systems
- 8:00 am - 8:30 am FCIA President's Welcome, Association Comments, & Board Candidate Introductions
Bill McHugh, FCIA | Tyler Ferguson, 2023 FCIA Board President
- 8:30 am - 9:15 am Exhibitor Member Updates
- 9:15 am - 10:00 am It's A Code, Code World
William Koffel, Koffel Associates | Bill McHugh, FCIA | Rich Walke, CTI
- 10:00 am - 10:15 am Break
Sponsored by Construction Specialties, Inc.
- 10:15 am - 11:15 am Burnout: The Signs, The Symptoms, The Solution
Caleb Spittler
Keynote Session
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm The Partner Programs: Updates and Common Audit Findings
Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals | Ruben Sandoval, Jr., UL Solutions

TWIN WARRIORS GOLF CLUB

- 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm FCIA Memorial Golf Tournament
Pre-registration Required

TAMAYA E-H

- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Networking Reception & Golf Awards
Attendees, Spouses, Guests, and Speakers Welcome
Sponsored by Specified Technologies, Inc.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

TAMAYA BALLROOM E-H

- 7:30 am – 3:30 pm Conference Registration Open
- 7:30 am – 3:30 pm Trade Show Floor Open
- 7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
Sponsored by National Guard Products

WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023 *continued*

TAMAYA BALLROOM E-H

8:00 am – 9:00 am Construction Forecast for '24: Formidable or Forbidding?
Kenneth Simonson, The Associated General Contractors of America

9:00 am – 9:30 am Break
Sponsored by Construction Specialties

9:30 am – 10:45 am The Perimeter Fire Containment Panel - Part Deux
Mark Dietz, Superl, Inc. | Herb Stansberry, Intertek | Rich Walke, CTI

10:45 am – 11:15 am Break
Sponsored by Inpro

11:15 am – 12:15 pm Advancing Safety: Out With the Old, In With the New
Mark Damon, Damon, Inc. | Mike Hill, CHST, SMS, PCI

TAMAYA BALLROOM D

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm FCIA Luncheon
Sponsored by Balco, Inc.

TAMAYA BALLROOM E-H

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm Managing Claims and Avoiding Traps
C. Leanne Prybylski, Esq., Hendrick Phillips Salzman & Siegel, P.C.

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm Break
Sponsored by FCIA Gold Members: Balco, Inc. | Thermafiber, Inc. (an Owens Corning Co.)

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Project Management Pitfalls: A Panel Discussion
Gus Mancini, Gleeson Powers | Darren Pollock, Sr., JD Firestop Pros | Corey Zussman, AIA, RBEC, CDT, CQM, CxA+BE, Pepper Construction

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Break
Sponsored by Hilti North America

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Closed Contractor & Inspection Agency Session**
Penetrations and Joints in Fire-Rated Metal Deck Assemblies: What Do You Do?
Julio Lopes, STI

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm **FCIA Contractor Members Only Session**



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COTTONWOODS PAVILLION

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm **FCIA Chippin', Dippin', & Sippin' Annual Dinner & Awards**
Included with Conference registration
Attendees, Spouses, Guests, and Speakers Welcome. Additional fee may apply.
Sponsored by FCIA Platinum Members: Hilti North America | Specified Technologies, Inc.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

TAMAYA BALLROOM E-H

7:30 am - 9:30 am **Conference Registration Open**

7:30 am – 11:00 am **Trade Show Floor Open**

7:30 am – 8:00 am **FCIA Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**
Sponsored by Rockwool

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Mass Timber Construction**
Julio Lopes, STI | Matthew Winston, HILTI

9:00 am – 9:30 am **Break**
Sponsored by Specified Technologies, Inc.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

PUMA A-C & PATIO

9:30 am – 10:00 am **Hands-On Workshop - How To Spray 3M Silicone**
Samantha Peterson, 3M

10:00 am – 11:00 am **Hands-On Workshop - How To Clean & Maintain Your Pump**
Christian Martinez, Graco, Inc.

12:00 pm **FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show Ends**

I am noticing a strong youthful movement in the firestopping industry, which I truly believe bodes well for our industry as a whole.

Tyler Ferguson
Tyler Ferguson
2023 FCIA Board President



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

8:00 am - 8:30 am

FCIA: The Vision, The Mission, The Association

Bill McHugh, FCIA

You've heard of FCIA, maybe you're even a new member, but what exactly does Firestop Contractors International Association do? In this session, you'll learn about the origins of the FCIA, what our mission and guiding principles are, and how we advocate and work to further the industry. But most importantly, you'll learn how you can do your part to grow the firestop and effective compartmentation industry.

8:30 am - 11:30 am

FCIA Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams

Rich Walke, CTI

The FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams are based on FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP), the FM & UL program guides, and systems selection and analysis. These exams are used for contractor personnel to become FM 4991 Approved Contractor and UL-ULC Qualified Contractor Program DRIs. For Special Inspectors, passing the exam proves firestopping competency to the Authority

Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), required by the IBC's Chapter 17. Passing an exam is also a requirement in IAS AC 291 for the Inspector to become a Responsible Person.

The FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams Session helps prepare individuals for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams and help support individual preparation for these rigorous exams, further strengthening your firestopping knowledge.

*This program IS NO SUBSTITUTE for reading FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice and studying the FM & UL program guides and systems selection and analysis before the exams.

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

FCIA Management System Manual Development Education

Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals | Ruben Sandoval, Jr., UL Solutions | Rich Walke, CTI

Pursuing FM 4991 Approval or UL-ULC Qualification or IAS Accreditation? This session takes an in-depth look at the Quality Management System Manual required by the program and contains tips for how to write one for your company. It also covers what concepts might be on the exam – both quality management and firestopping.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

8:00 am - 8:30 am

FCIA President's Welcome, Association Comments, & Board Candidate Introductions

Bill McHugh, FCIA | Tyler Ferguson, 2023 FCIA Board President

Hear from the 2023 Board President and meet the 2024 Board of Directors candidates. Then, hear about all the exciting new things happening at FCIA.

8:30 am - 9:15 am

Exhibitor Member Updates

FCI '23 exhibitors take the stage to announce new product or company news.

9:15 am - 10:00 am

It's A Code, Code World

William Koffel, Koffel Associates | Bill McHugh, FCIA | Rich Walke, CTI

The 2024 ICC's International family of codes development process is almost complete. All that's left is the Online Governmental Consensus Vote. The 2024 NFPA Code cycle is just about finished too. Hear what's new in the 2024 IBC and what changed in NFPA 101, The Life Safety Code.

All throughout FCIA's advocacy during the Code development cycles, the focus has been on safe building for the building's life cycle. FCIA's 2027 Code Proposals will be developed in 2023. Bring your ideas and hear what we're thinking during this session.

10:15 am - 11:15 am

Burnout: The Signs, The Symptoms, The Solution

Caleb Spitler

Great leaders must become experts at understanding, identifying and preventing their teams from becoming physically,

emotionally, and mentally depleted.

In this session, Caleb will give practical insights for recognizing early signs of burnout and how to deal with it. Come discover what top owners and executives are doing to take better care of themselves and their people.

11:15 am - 12:00 pm

The Partner Programs: Updates and Common Audit Findings

Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals | Ruben Sandoval, Jr., UL Solutions

Both the FM 4991 Approved and the UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs are third-party accreditation programs that result in an accredited Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor Company.

This session looks at program updates for each, as well as covers common findings during the program audit process. Learn what not to do to ensure passing your field audit.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Construction Forecast for '24: Formidable or Forbidding?

Kenneth Simonson, The Associated General Contractors of America

Rising interest rates, international tensions, and a potential recession make for a dicey outlook for construction. But strong demand for data centers, factories, and the prospect of huge new power and infrastructure projects may keep the market humming. Which of these cross-currents will dominate or disappear and what will they mean for the firestop sector?

Ken Simonson, Chief Economist for the Associated General Contractors of America, will provide his prognostications and answer any questions.

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9:30 am -10:45 am

The Perimeter Fire Containment Panel - Part Deux

*Mark Dietz, Superl, Inc. | Herb Stansberry,
Intertek | Rich Walke, CTI*

The panel of experts comes together once again to address your burning questions about Perimeter Fire Containment (PFC).

At ECA '23 this past May, we looked at the background on the testing described in the ASTM E2307 Standard. We also discussed various hot buttons for the PFC industry and some related activities at the ASTM E5 Standards Development Committee. The end result was a lively discussion on where we have been and where we are heading with this topic.

The Perimeter Fire Containment Panel - Part Deux will provide an update on the topics discussed previously, along with introducing new hot button topics. The panel will:

- Discuss the differences between ASTM E2307 and a related Standard NFPA 285.
- Analyze recent Code changes relating to perimeter fire containment at floors within a single dwelling unit, in parking garages, and in mezzanines.
- Address the challenges associated with unique construction configurations, including curved and diagonal windows and floor-to-ceiling glazing.

Bring your questions and get input from the panel so you too will be an expert on this ever-changing topic.

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Advancing Safety: Out With the Old, In With the New

*Mark Damon, Damon, Inc. | Mike Hill,
CHST, SMS, Performance Contracting, Inc.*

When it comes to fall protection, head protection, and safety in general, being informed is only part of the challenge. It can be hard to stay on top of things due to constantly changing technology, OSHA

requirements, changing ANSI standards, and employee needs.

This session explores some of the common questions asked about safety. From fall protection to harness maintenance, load capacities to impact loads, hard hats to helmets, we will look at some of the current technologies available on the market and the pros and cons of each.

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Managing Claims and Avoiding Traps

*C. Leanne Prybylski, Esq., Hendrick Phillips
Salzman & Siegel, P.C.*

Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors need to be aware of and understand the claims process, contractual rights and remedies, and what steps to take to preserve their rights and remedies. Understanding and negotiating certain contract provisions related to claims allows Contractors to ensure their contracts provide them with entitlements to certain rights and remedies. Additionally, being aware of and understanding contract clauses, insurance requirements, and the status of the project allows Contractors to manage their risks by timely and properly submitting claims and avoiding inadvertently waiving valid claims.

This session will provide attendees with an insight into the pitfalls to avoid and the protections Specialty Firestop Installation



Contractors should have in place to ensure they don't get burned.

2:45 - 3:45 pm

Project Management Pitfalls: A Panel Discussion

Gus Mancini, Gleeson Powers | Darren Pollock, Sr., JD Firestop Pros | Corey Zussman, AIA, RBEC, CDT, CQM, CxA+BE, Pepper Construction

How does the Project Management process differ for General Contractors and Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors?

This session will define the Project Management role, then will compare and contrast the processes, expectations, and common areas where mistakes are made for each part of the process, from design and preconstruction, to project timing and inspection/testing.

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Closed Contractor & Inspection Agency Session

Penetrations and Joints in Fire-Rated Metal Deck Assemblies: What Do You Do?

Julio Lopes, STI

There are numerous listed systems available from various manufacturers of firestop products for floor penetrations. But many of

them are specific to flat concrete floors. Some of these systems can be used in fire-rated metal deck assemblies, and others cannot be used. The irregular surfaces on the bottom of the deck assemblies create unique challenges for the Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor.

What do you do when you are faced with these challenges? What are the considerations? What is available? This presentation will address proper firestop installation practices, problem situations, solutions, and more for these tricky deck assemblies.

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

FCIA Contractor Members Only Session

Let your voice be heard in this FCIA Contractor Members Only session. Listen to your Board and ask questions. Provide input. Address your Board and Leadership. Put this session to work for you.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

8:00 am - 9:00 am

MWT/CLT & Fire-Resistance: Can This Work?

Julio Lopes, STI | Matthew Winston, HILTI

The evolution of Mass Wood Timber (MWT) and Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) buildings has driven code changes and interest in the construction industry. The result is that MWT/CLT buildings are growing in number, accompanied by the ability to go higher than ever before.

This presentation looks at the efforts made to address one aspect of fire protection in MWT/CLT buildings: fire-resistance.

9:30 am - 10:00 am

How To Spray 3M Silicone

Samantha Peterson, 3M

This hands-on workshop walks attendees



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through the process of how to correctly apply 3M spray silicone firestop products.

10:00 am - 11:00 am

How To Clean & Maintain Your Pump
Christian Martinez, Graco Inc.

This hands-on workshop will take attendees through the process of cleaning a spray pump after being used to apply silicone firestop products. The session will point out all the “nooks and crannies” to check to ensure proper cleaning procedures and pro tips for maintaining your pump to prolong its life and avoid costly repairs.



Mark S. Damon, President



Mark Damon is the president of Damon, Inc., a fall protection training and consulting company. He has been active in the safety industry since 1975 and travels all 50 states providing fall protection training seminars.

Mark has performed fall protection training for OSHA and companies such as Boeing, Spirit Aerospace, Peter Kiewit, PepsiCo, Frito-Lay, NCRA Refinery, Raytheon, Kansas City Power and Light, Harley Davidson, Western Resources, Schwan's Foods, Georgia Pacific, Bartlett Grain, BP Amoco, Cargill, 3M, and Sprint. He has served on an ANSI subcommittee for fall protection Standards and taught at the OSHA training institute on fall protection. While with Rose Manufacturing, Mark had the privilege of working with the U.S. Navy to develop their fall protection standards.

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Mark Dietz is the President/Owner of Superl, a position he has filled since 2007. His experience at Superl has included firestopping for commercial, industrial, healthcare, and educational facilities.

In addition to being a Charter Member of FCIA, Superl is an FM 4991 Approved Contractor, UL Qualified Firestop Contractor, and a Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor for multiple manufacturers.

Superl has been a leader in the curtain wall and firestopping industry for over 35 years, including working with Thermafiber in developing numerous tested curtain wall fire containment systems. Superl has worked on a wide variety of projects, from small specialty projects to high-rise structures, in 38 states, as well as in Asia.

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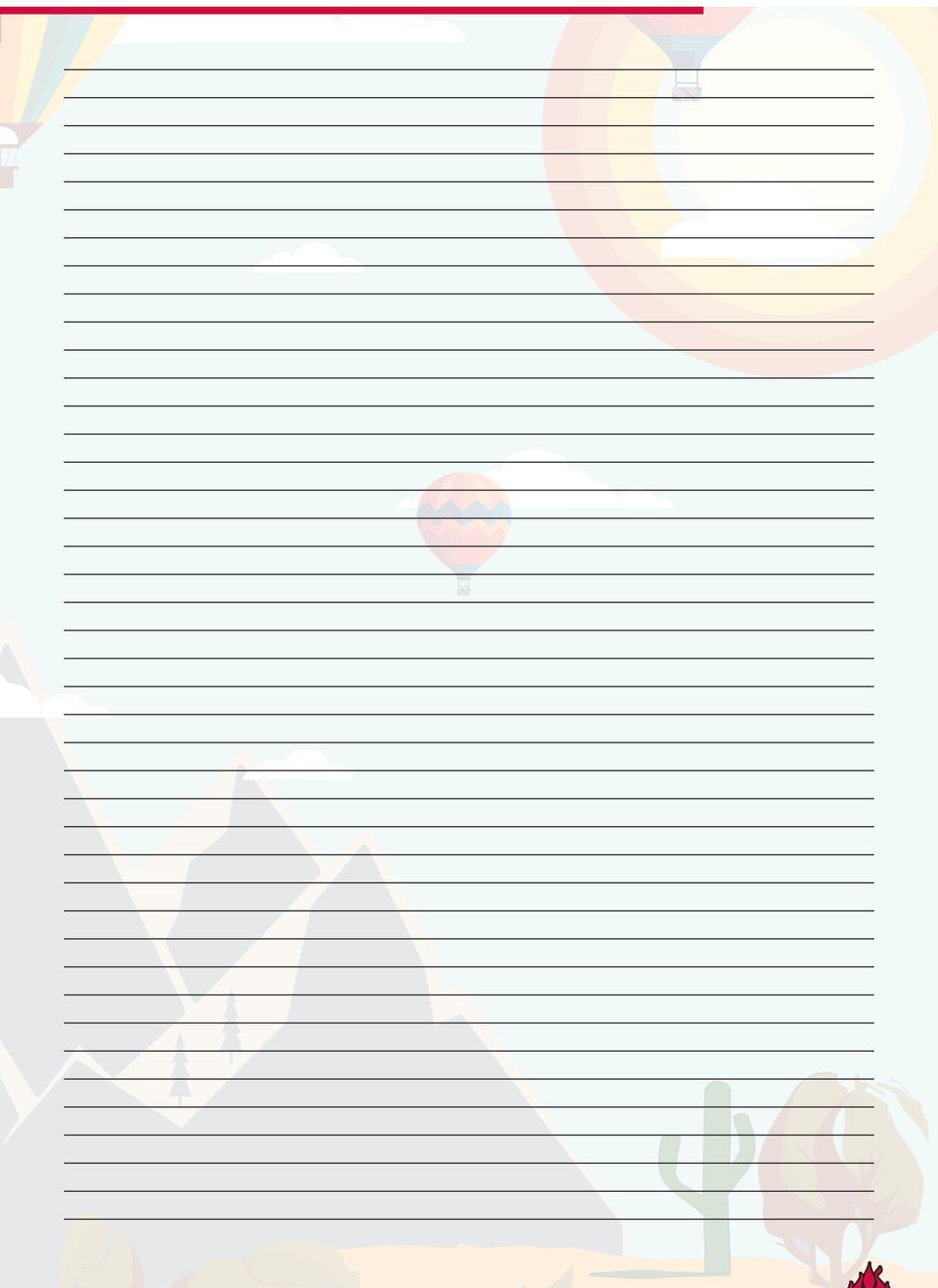
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