

## Fire Correspondences

Fire = any energy, including kinetic energy, which is the force inherent in anything moving.

Anything that is moving has fire energy in it, even a falling snowflake. Potential energy, a marble about to roll down a hill, for instance, is mutated fire – it's actually air because it has no movement, yet. A rolling marble, on the other hand, has fire energy because it's moving.

Direction – South, the annual home of the sun (applies to this hemisphere only!)

Tool – Knife (Athame – the French name for a magically keyed knife) or Sword

Elemental Spirit – Salamander (though not the traditional physical salamander we think of). People have noticed that lizards occur right after a forest fire or the burning off of brush, and there is no reason for them to be there because everything has been burned. They come right out of the ashes. This leads us to ask if they are the physical manifestations of elemental salamanders.

Salamanders occur around fires, such as wood burning stoves or campfires. They are ball-shaped, pick up the energy of the fire, and become visible, although you don't tend to see the whole globe. You will see a ball shaped dome in certain parts of the fire, and ashes will fall around them, not on them. They are useful to have around as they increase the level of heat, making the fire hotter with less wood. If you have an inch of ash at the bottom of the campfire, it will encourage the salamanders to stay in the campfire, which makes it easier to restart when you return. To keep salamanders around, bed down your coals with layer of earth, it provides an air insulator that they can burrow into. You can dig them out later, and easily restart your fire. A candle flame will spit out little sparks called sprites, which are actually baby salamanders. You can catch them in baby food jars and they will stay glowing in there for 30 or 45 seconds. If you open the jar during that time, they will jump back into in the candle flame.

Part of a Person – Will and Desires, or what you want.

- *Physical level:* Metabolism and neural function
- *Mental and emotional levels:* Enthusiasms and anger
- *Spirit level:* Life-vitality and power, life force