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To support the social, emotional, and academic needs of
National Guard children and youth

New York National Guard Family Programs State Volunteer Workshop And Youth Symposium

Saratoga Springs 18-20 September 2009

The symposium is for all family members, volunteers and military points of contact
for the Army and Air National Guard.

The symposium promises to give up-to-date information and education. We hope
you all join us for this exciting event! Please feel free to contact the
State Family Program Office with questions or concerns.

Last year, the kids worked with crafts and climbed the
New York Army National Guard Recruiting Wall.

Free childcare for children 5 and under.

Registered adults attending are invited to bring their youth ages 6-18 to attend
our outstanding Youth Program.

Please contact Shelly Aiken for more information.

Civilian volunteers will be placed on Invitational Travel Orders and will receive
travel and partial per diem reimbursement for the event.

Military members must obtain orders from their unit or are welcome to
attend at their own expense.

**“It’s not just about retention and
showing that you care. It’s the right
thing to do.”**

**—Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, The Adjutant
General**

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Special Interest in this
issue:

- Youth Symposium
- Prepared Kids Competition
- New Notes Section
- Your Own Pages
- Summer Programs



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

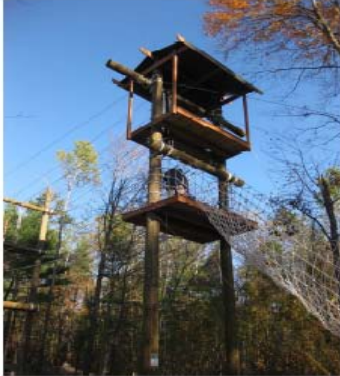
SUBJECT: New York National Guard State Family Program Volunteer and Youth Symposium, 18-20 September 2009, Saratoga Springs, New York

1. The New York National Guard Family Program Office will host this year's Annual State Volunteer and Youth Symposium **18-20 September 2009**, at The Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY. This year's symposium will be a fun packed event for our Family Readiness Groups (FRGs), Military Points of Contact (MPOCs) and Youth Volunteers. Our theme, **Building Strong Family Readiness Groups: Before, During and After Deployment** will be the focal point of the weekend guiding lectures, training and discussions.
2. Attendance for this event will be paid for by National Guard Bureau. All FRG Leaders, MPOCs and Youth Volunteers are encouraged to attend. Attendees will be placed on Invitational Travel Orders (ITOs)/ Travel Orders. Travel, lodging and per diem will be reimbursed in accordance with the Joint Federal Travel Regulations. The Adjutant General would also like a military representative from each Battalion and above to attend. Attendees must complete and return the enclosed registration form no later than 1 August 2009. Send all registration forms to the State Family Program Office, MNFP, 330 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, NY 12110 or fax forms to 518-786-6075.
3. Friday, September 18, 2009 is a travel day and registration at The Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs. Friday evening, the Family Programs Office will host a family social for all attendees. Saturday, September 19, 2009 will start with our recognition ceremony followed by a series of lectures, discussions and guest speakers tailored to provide valuable instruction in support of our theme, **Building Strong Family Readiness Groups: Before, During and After Deployment**. All children ages 6-18 attending with a parent or guardian will participate in a fun filled day of activities provided by our Youth Coordinator. Youth registration forms must be returned to Mrs. Shelly Akins, Youth Coordinator, NLT 1 August 2009. On Sunday, September 20, 2009 there will be a half day session, followed by travel home.



Shiloh's Edge Challenge Course

Introducing the newest resource from
Capital District Youth for Christ



48' Twin tree houses

Youth
Symposium
Saturday
10AM



Dual cargo nets & zip lines

Hidden among the trees in the town of Halfmoon, NY is a state of the art challenge course which is capable of handling groups of 8 to 50 individuals. Towering 48' above the ground this structure creates the environment for participants to truly experience many of life's greatest challenges. We see it as a **laboratory in the sky** where issues like **trust, security, faith, self value, vulnerability, and effective communication** are dissected and examined. Although the participants' experience on the course may only last for a few hours, the life lessons learned could last a lifetime.

Below are some frequently asked questions that should help you in planning your day with us.

Just how challenging is the Challenge Course? The course is designed to stretch individuals physically as well as mentally and emotionally. In light of this we do hold to the "Challenge by Choice" philosophy which means that each participant has the right to determine his or her own level of involvement in the challenge activities.

What should we wear? Most participants find that loose fitting comfortable clothing works best. Remember to dress with the day's weather forecast in mind. A light rain jacket is a good idea, even if it looks like it's going to be a sunny day in the morning. **NO OPEN TOED SHOES!**

What about personal belongings like cell phones, jewelry and watches? We recommend that participants remove all jewelry and watches. There is no secure location to store these items once you have reached the course and therefore we suggest you leave them at home or locked in your car.

Pizza, drinks and a snack will be provided by the Youth Program for lunch. Any participant that has specific food allergies please contact me ASAP.

Shelly.m.aiken@us.army.mil or 914-788-7405

**NYNG FAMILY PROGRAMS
VOLUNTEER AND YOUTH SYMPOSIUM 2009
YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM**



Youth Full Name _____ Age: _____

Name Tag Preference _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Youth Tee shirt: Y- Med ___ Y- Lg ___ A-Med ___ A-Lg ___ A-X Lg ___ A-XX Lg ___

Parental / Guardian Emergency Notification Information Required

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Please have Youth Registration Forms submitted by August 1, 2009

Please mail or fax to:
NYNG Youth Program
Camp Smith, BLDG 501
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567
FAX: 914-788-7407
Shelly.m.aiken@us.army.mil

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT AUTHORITY: 10 USC, Section 1558, Secretary of the Army; E.O. 9397 (SSN); and Army Regulation 608-1, Army Community Service Center.
PRINCIPLE PURPOSE: To prepare travel orders for training for voluntary services provided by an individual and to obtain agreement from the volunteer on the conditions of accepting the performance of voluntary service.
ROUTINE USES: None
DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. However, failure to complete the form may result in an inability to provide training for voluntary services.

This form serves as permission and waiver to participate in physical activities and releases the New York National Guard Family Programs, New York National Guard Youth Programs from any and all liability.

Parental Signature: _____ Date _____

Parental Printed Name: _____



**New York National Guard Family Programs
Family, Volunteer and Youth Symposium
September 18-20 2009**

Adult Attendee Registration Form

Adult Attendee

Full Name: _____

Social Security # : _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home : _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Unit Represented: (Required) _____

(FRG volunteers) Position Held in FRG:

Lead Volunteer Co-Lead Volunteer MPOC Treasurer Key Caller Other _____

Lodging will be provided by the NYNG SFPO at The Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs. To be eligible for lodging, you must reside over 50 miles or more from The Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs. Partial per diem will be reimbursed with a travel voucher submitted.

Single room (1-2 people) Double room (2-4 people)

Emergency Notification Information Required

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Please Submit no later than August 1, 2009

Please mail your registration form to:

Family Programs Office, MNFP
330 Old Niskayuna Rd. Latham, NY 12110
or
Fax to 518-786-6075

Signature _____ Date _____

Kids Join Race for National Guard Families



Approx. 270 runners participated in the New York National Family Readiness Council 5K race to raise funds for National Guard families. Two races took place, one in Albany and one in Newburgh, NY

COLONIE, NY—Combine tee-shirts, bottled water, and the chance to run five kilometers on a Saturday morning, and you've got the perfect recipe for fund-raising success, according to members of the New York National Guard Family Readiness Council, Inc.

In 2008, the first "Hometown Heroes" run, with 250 participants, netted \$11,000 from runners and corporate sponsors. This June almost 270 runners, participating in races in two locations, brought in \$7,000.

"This is a great idea," said Kim Manion whose husband, Capt. Sean Manion, mobilized with his Military Police company for service in Iraq on June 24.

"It gets the families together to show your support. It's a great cause," she said.

Mrs. Manion's mother, and her sister, also came out to show their support for the National Guard.

"This is my family unit," Manion said proudly.

"The money raised can be used to aid the families of deployed Soldiers and Airmen who are in financial need," said Council President Susan Taluto, the wife of New York National Guard Commander Major General Joseph Taluto.

The goal of the group was to establish a kind of Army Emergency Relief fund for the 17,000 members of the New

York Army and Air National Guard.

As a not-for-profit, the organization, incorporated in 2007, can accept money from corporations that a unit family readiness group can not. The Family Readiness Council also has a statewide focus, while unit groups focus solely on their unit.

"We chose a race (to raise money) because 5K races have a good track record, pardon the pun, of fundraising for not-for-profits," Taluto explained.

"It is focused on our military members and, as you know, military members have an obligation to stay in



"We try to run a 5K once a month or so. It gives us a chance to race together and it's for a good cause," Shoemaker said.

The Colonie race was won by New York Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Jonathan Peck, a member of the 109th Airlift Wing. He finished with a time of 18 minutes and 48 seconds. Peck was running the race as part of his training program for a marathon later in the year.

The race at Stewart Air National Guard Base was won by Kevin Portillo, the nephew of New York Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Fernando Cruz.

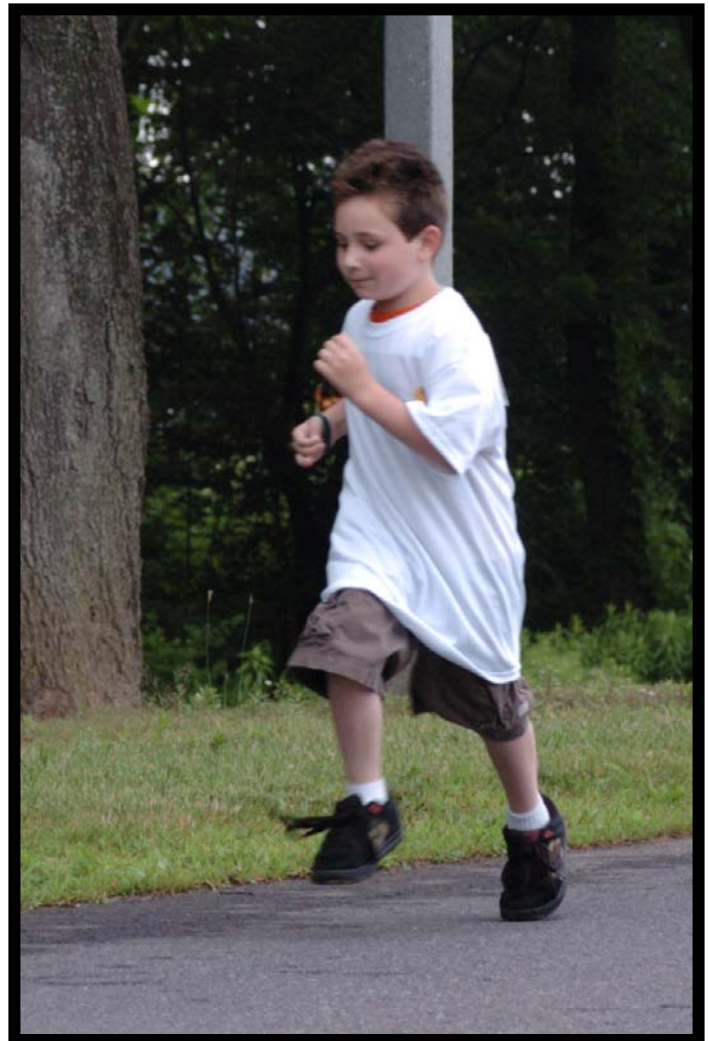
good physical condition. "We felt it was a good fit."

The 2009 race was held in two locations: Colonie Crossings Park in a suburb of Albany, New York on June 20 and Stewart Air National Guard Base outside Newburgh on June 28. The long-term goal for the race is to have many races across the state, Taluto said.

There were 195 runners signed up for the event in Colonie, while 82 people ran a course around Stewart Air National Guard base that ended up inside a C-5 with the nose hatch raised.

Latham, New York residents Pam and Joe Fitzsimmons turned up to race on June 20 to show their support for the National Guard. Last year their neighbor, Lt. Col. Andrew Stewart, went to Afghanistan with the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat team and the neighborhood rallied to support him, Pam Fitzsimmons said. Running in this year's National Guard fundraising race was a way to continue that support, she explained.

Navy Lt. Commander Mark Shoemaker, who was in the Albany area visiting his brother Brian, and his wife Vanita Shoemaker, got roped into racing by his brother who ran in the 2008 Hometown Heroes Race.



NYARNG Military Police Deploy to Iraq



ALBANY--Members of the New York Army National Guard's 206th Military Police Company marched into the Empire State Plaza on Wednesday, June 24, as they prepared for a ceremony marking their departure for duty in Iraq.

The 185 members of the unit will train at Fort Dix for approximately two months before deploying to Iraq.

The Latham-based 206th Military Police Company has been preparing for its upcoming Iraq deployment since the middle of 2008. Last year the unit was equipped with the latest equipment for Military Police units, the M1117 Armored Security Vehicle, or ASV which is employed as a convoy escort vehicle by Military Police units, and M1151 up armored

humvees with improved turret systems and crew survivability features, and began training on those vehicles.

The Soldiers have spent two extended annual training periods of three weeks getting ready to deploy.

This year the company spent three weeks at Fort Dix in April training for their upcoming mission, and began preparing to deploy last yet. The company is comprised of 185 MP Soldiers from across the state and will train for approximately two months before deploying to Iraq to carry out security duties.

A formal farewell ceremony was held to mark the units mobilization for federal active duty and departure from home for the next 12 months.

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TRICARE *Encourages Expecting Parents to Get Connected*

Expecting mom or new parent? TRICARE encourages beneficiaries to use the Defense Department's eCareConnect, a research-based health information service that helps military hospitals communicate more effectively with expectant parents and new families. To read the entire news release visit:

<http://www.tricare.mil/Pressroom/news.aspx?fid=538>



Poll: Troops' Kids Feel War Jolt

Troubled children add to a growing list of war strain issues that military families, particularly in the Army, are currently struggling with. Six out of 10 U.S. military children have increased levels of fear and anxiety when a parent is sent to war, according to a survey of more than 13,000 military spouses of active duty Servicemembers. The Pentagon's survey results of the effects of war on children were tabulated early this year and released to USA Today. The survey had a margin of error of +/-4 percentage points. Army documents show that 600,000 active duty Soldiers have deployed once since 2001 and 110,000 have gone twice, and 38,000 have been deployed 3 times. The stress of deployment is a pressing issue for military families and will be addressed at this year's Association of the US Army's Family Programs Military Family Forums. To read the complete article, follow the link: http://www.armytimes.com/news/2009/06/ap_military_kids_062509/



eKnowledge *Corporation Donates \$25 Million of FREE SAT/ACT Test Prep Software to Military*

Over the past three years, eKnowledge has donated over \$25 million of Free SAT/ACT software to America's military families and because of their generous donation has received tens of thousands of thank you letters and testimonials from grateful recipients. To read this article, and the testimonials, or to order software, please visit:

<http://www.eknowledge.com/military>



"Thank You, Hero" Cards

Hope4Heroes.org is offering a way for everyone to thank Servicemembers for their sacrifices for defending our nation's freedom. Send a "Thank You" card to "Any Hero" to Hope4Heroes and your card will be sent to a deployed Servicemember. Visit <http://www.hope4heroes.org>

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Catch-A-Dream Foundation

The Catch-A-Dream Foundation allows children 18 years or younger who have life-threatening illnesses to experience the “great outdoors.” The Catch-A-Dream foundation fills the gap created when the Make-A-Wish Foundation excluded granting a child a wish that involved hunting or the use of “firearms, hunting bows, or other hunting/sport-shooting equipment.” They have recently added a special program for military children. Any U.S. or Canadian child who is 18 years old or younger with a qualifying physician-certified, life-threatening illness is eligible for consideration. To learn more about referring a child to the Catch-A-Dream foundation, please visit their website at <http://catchadream.org/>



Positions for Teens in the Obama Administration

Are you interested in serving as a Page in the Obama Administration? Pages have been serving the House of Representatives for nearly two hundred years. Working as a team, Pages assist Members with their legislative duties, deliver correspondence and small packages within the congressional complex, answer phones in the Member cloakrooms, and prepare the House Floor for sessions.

Learn More (link <http://pageprogram.house.gov/>)



Military Family of the Year Award

The National Military Family Association is taking nominations for Its National Military Family Association's Military Family of the Year, now through 7 August. Any family, active duty, guard or reserve, from any of our Armed Service branches can be nominated, and nominations can be made by anyone 18 years or older. The nomination form includes an essay on why the nominator feels the family is extraordinary and should be the National Military Family Association's Military Family of the Year. Seven finalist families will be flown to Washington, DC to attend the 40th Anniversary Event on 28 October, where the winning family will be announced. The Grand Prize winning family will be awarded \$1000! For more information and to submit on-line go to <http://www.militaryfamilyaward.org/Overview.cfm>



FORT DRUM FMWR
COMING ATTRACTIONS

July 6, 2009
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July						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Look for the FMWR PREVIEW each month for upcoming events, classes, and programs.

COMING ATTRACTIONS & ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Aug 1 – Fort Drum Golf Tournament – Willowbrook Golf Course
- Aug 1 – MS/HS Indoor Skate Jam – Youth Services



Aug 1 – CYSS Parents Night Out – CDC Annex

- Aug 1 – Zoo Brew – NYS Zoo, Thompson Park
- Aug 4 – Coastie the Coast Guard Safety Boat Visits McEwen Library
- Aug 4 – Youth Services Family Safe Night – National Night Out
- Aug 5 – 7 – Pre-college Workshop – Youth Services
- Aug 5 – 7 – Youth Services Fine Arts Camp – Arts and Crafts
- Aug 7 – Brown Bag It Series – Army Community Service
- Aug 8 – MS/HS BBQ – Youth Services
- Aug 8 – Ultimate Fighting Championship Fight Night – The Commons



Aug 8 – DPAO Summer Concert Series – Laurie Beckner Band – Watn. Fairgrounds

- Aug 11 – 12 – YS Camping at Westcott Beach – Watertown, New York
- Aug 12 – Do You Dig Archaeology? – McEwen Library
- Aug 15 – Animals of the World – McEwen Library
- Aug 15 – 16 – Niagara Falls Trip – Parks and Recreation



Aug 15 – DPAO Summer Concert Series – Billy Currington – Watn. Fairgrounds

- Aug 15 – 16 – The St. Lawrence Cup – Carlowden Golf Course, Denmark, NY
- Aug 15 – YS Block Party and BBQ – Youth Services



Prepared

Kids

Competition

The Ready Army program is sponsoring a new program, "Prepared Kids," the aim of which is to get younger family members involved in the discussion about how to be ready for disasters. This year kids aged 7-18 can participate in the Prepared Kids Competition. The idea is for Army children and teens to share their ideas for preparing for emergencies by creating individual works that highlight preparedness. Children and teens can submit such things as a poem or song lyrics they have written, a short video, a poster, T-shirt or bookmark design, a personal story of experiencing an emergency, an essay or creative novella, a 30-second public service announcement for radio or television, a preparedness game, a drawing, sculpture or musical piece; or even computer software they have written. Entries can be uploaded to http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ra_prep_kids.htm. Finalists will be loaded on the Ready Army Website for open voting after Aug. 12 for one week. Winners will be announced during National Preparedness Month in September and their creations will be featured during 2010 as part of the Ready Army Campaign.

Your Own Pages

GuardEn of Youth is looking for your input

Share
Your
Thoughts

HERE!

Share
Your
Ideas

HERE!

Share
Your
Talents

HERE!



The Guard En of Youth Newsletter is asking its readers for submissions. If you have poetry or short stories you've written, drawings you've created, letters to the editor, or anything else you'd like to add, send your entries to shelly.m.aiken@us.army.mil, with "Newsletter input" in the subject line.



FREE FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL



REG's Free Family Film Festival is Now Showing!

When school's out, kids around the country visit selected Regal theatres for the Free Family Film Festival. It's a fun-filled nine weeks of movies for kids and parents. Since 1991, Regal has provided this service to the community, and best of all it's FREE!

Selected G & PG movies start at 10AM each Tuesday and Wednesday during the festival. First-come, first-served seating is limited to theatre capacity. The Free Family Film Festival is safe, lots of fun and a great way for kids to spend a weekday morning in the summer.

Tickets for our 2009 Free Family Film Festival are exclusively available at select theatres' box office on the day of the show.

You can also select a state from the list below to find participating theatres in your area along with what films are playing each week!

Select State

New York



[Crossgates Stadium 18 & IMAX](#)

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Albany ,NY 12203
518-456-2326

07/07/2009-07/09/2009

Space Chimps (G)

Firehouse Dog (PG)

07/14/2009-07/16/2009

Everyone's Hero (G)

Robots (PG)

07/21/2009-07/23/2009

Horton Hears A Who (G)

Flicka (PG)

07/28/2009-07/30/2009

Rugrats: The Movie (G)

Nim's Island (PG)

08/04/2009-08/06/2009

Charlotte's Web (G)

Akeelah And The Bee (PG)

08/11/2009-08/13/2009

Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)

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DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.

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Lieutenant Dan Band



Gary Sinise on Bass

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MONUMENT PASS: This pass allows visitors inside Statue pedestal, entrance to museum exhibit, interior structure of the Statue and access to the pedestal observation deck. There is no access to the Statue crown.

REMINDERS: It takes between 5-6 hours to experience both islands. Visitors must pass through security screening (similar to airport security procedures). Travel lightly, no large backpacks or pets allowed. From Memorial Day through Columbus Day. Final Monument Entry at 4:30pm. Closed Christmas.

INFORMATION: www.statuecruises.com

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Pier 83 W 42nd St. & Hudson River

3-Hour Full-Island Cruise 11:30am, 3pm
Adult: \$34.00 Child: \$21.00 Senior: \$29.00

2-Hour Semi-Circle: 10am, 1pm, 4pm
Adult: \$30.00, Child: \$19.00 Senior: \$26.00

2-Hour Harbor Lights Cruise 7pm

Friday, Saturday & Sunday ONLY.

Adult: \$30.00 Child: \$19.00 Senior: \$26.00

'Beast' 30-Minute Speedboat Ride: Begins 5/2

Adult: \$22.00 Child: \$16.00 Senior: \$22.00

75-Minute Liberty Cruise: 11am, 1pm, 3pm
Begins 4/25

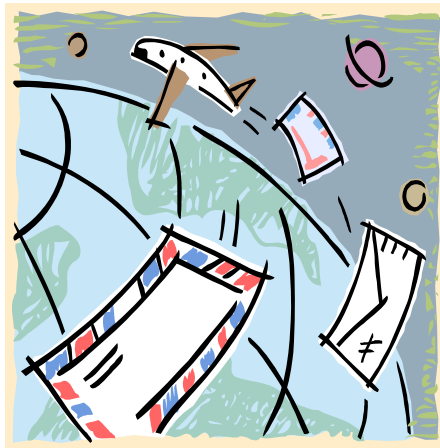
Adult: \$24.00 Child: \$16.00 Senior: \$21.00

Children: 12 & Under Seniors: 62 & Older

PROJECT PEN PAL

Connecting Military Children around the Globe

With Project Pen Pal you will meet other military children around the world. You can make friends, learn about their traditions, culture's, how they feel about their schools and their hobbies. In addition, Project Pen Pal encourages you to write about the challenges you face being a Military Youth, and share those feelings with children from different backgrounds who are dealing with similar issues like, military life, deployments and relocation, just to name a few.



For more information contact:

Shelly Aiken~NY National Guard Youth Program Coordinator

shelly.m.aiken@us.army.mil

Or call: 914-744-7405

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PROJECT PEN PAL

Permission Slip

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Child's Name _____

Age/Grade _____

Hobbies/Interests _____

What Language do you speak and write? _____

PROJECT PEN PAL PERMISSION FORM

I, _____ (parent/guardian) give my permission for _____ (child's name) to participate in

Project Pen Pal. I understand that it is my (parent/guardian) responsibility to supervise my child's contact with another Military child and not the responsibility of the New York National Guard Youth Program.

Date _____ **Email address** _____

Parent/Guardian signature

Address

Phone/Fax _____

***Please mail or fax this permission slip to:**

Shelly Aiken
NY National Guard Youth Program
Camp Smith, Bldg 501 R#3
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567
Fax (914-788-7407)

*If you have questions about Project Pen Pal please **email Shelly** at:
shelly.m.aiken@us.army.mil Or Call me at 914-788-7405

Project Pen Pal Code of Conduct

- No obscenities in written or electronic correspondence
- No illegal material mailed or emailed
- No attempt to harm others in correspondence (making threats, making fun of another person, bullying behaviors, etc.)

Free Summer Camps=2009

TRANQUILITY CAMP— Ages 8-15

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Operation Kid Comfort Quilt Request

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Parent/Guardian Last Name: _____ Soldier/Airman Name _____

First Name: _____ Military Unit: _____

Please check branch of service:

Army USMC Navy Air Force USCG National Guard Air Guard Reserve

Child(ren) Name and Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ASYMCA/Operation Kid Comfort Release:

The Armed Services YMCA is actively pursuing corporate, business and individual support for Operation Kid Comfort and the many other programs we offer. With your permission, we may use photographs provided for these projects, as well as photographs of the finished quilts and photographs taken at Operation Kid Comfort workshops and events for these purposes. Please read our privacy statement and approve or disapprove the use of your image, the image of your child(ren) and/or your spouse below. Please note that 6-9 high resolution digital photos are preferred and we will NOT be able to return any hard copies of photographs sent.

Armed Services YMCA Privacy Policy

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to anyone, except as permitted by law. We restrict access to your personal information to those employees and volunteers who need to know that information to provide products and/or services to you. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard your nonpublic personal information.

I give permission for photographic images of my spouse, my child(ren), my family and myself to be used for ASYMCA/Operation Kid Comfort media, promotional and fundraising purposes.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return form to:
Project Strong Communities
Fairgrounds YMCA
585 Rand Drive
Watertown, NY 13601-3323
Phone: (315) 755-2016
Fax: (315) 755-9623
okcfordrum@yahoo.com

Operation Kid Comfort Wish List

If you would like to make a contribution a list of the following items are always needed:

- ___ Material (100% Cotton preferred)
- ___ 100% Cotton Batting (Warm & Natural)
- ___ Monetary Contributions

- ___ Jumbo 2.5 Gallon Zip Lock Bags (Hefty)

Operation Give a Hug

and U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services



What did we do today?

Keeping deployed loved ones close during deployment, *Give a Hug dolls* allow little Heroes to take the Soldier they miss with them wherever they go!



got a BIG kiss



had a chat



had play time



dressed up



took a nap



Army Family Covenant



Request *Give a Hug* dolls for Your Army Unit by emailing dollrequest@operationmilitarykids.org

Priority given to Units in the pre-deployment phase.

Also available for school counselors, deployment support groups and behavioral health professionals working with Army children.



Request Operation Give a Hug Dolls



Keeping deployed loved ones close during deployment, **Operation Give a Hug** dolls allow little Heroes to take the Soldier they miss with them wherever they go!!

Give a Hug dolls can be requested as a support element to pre-deployment and deployment events. The dolls are available at no cost for children of Army Active Duty, Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers.

Please complete the information below and email to: dollrequest@operationmilitarykids.org
All requests must be submitted 30 days prior to the pre-deployment or deployment event.

Unit Identification: _____
State/Army Garrison: _____ Unit #/ Organization: _____

Primary Point of Contact for this Order: (i.e. FRG Leader, OMK Project Director, Unit Member)
Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Deployment: _____

Date of Pre-Deployment/Deployment Event: _____

Unit Commander: _____
Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Dolls Requested: _____

Address to Ship Give a Hug dolls: _____

Attention: _____

Address #1: _____

Address #2: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number at Shipping Location: _____

NATIONAL GUARD FAMILIES, Need help paying for child care costs? We can help!

We appreciate the sacrifices that National Guard families make and are honored to help these great families with the application process that will connect them to the funding that can relieve the financial burden of child care, especially during deployment. Call 1-888-642-2799 today to determine your family's eligibility and supplement amounts. It's free, it's easy and it's worth it.

The Advocates of the National Guard Child Care Program, want to ensure that every eligible family of the National Guard is aware that these supplements are available and assist them with the application process.

Supplement rates are based on several factors including child care cost and family income. All income levels may be eligible to receive a *minimum of \$100 per child per month for full time child care while the spouse is working, going to school full time, or looking for work. Guardians may also apply.



**Minimums vary
depending on branch of service.*

Guard Family Examples:

- E4 with two children is receiving **\$200** per month for toddler and school age care.
- E4 with one child is receiving **\$210** per month for full time infant care.
- E7 with three children is receiving **\$310** per month for full time day care.
- O3 with two children is receiving **\$100** while spouse attends school part time.

What We Will Do For You:

- Conduct a brief 10-minute phone interview to determine your family's needs and eligibility.
- Answer your questions and research your options.
- Help you locate eligible care if needed.
- Complete the applications for you.
- Work with your child care provider and explain the process so that you won't have to.
- Support and defend your family's unique situation when necessary.

"It was easy! Didn't take much time at all. I'm really pleased with the program." – Elisha B

"You guys are awesome! I would never have been able to do this without you. Thanks so much." – CPT R

"It is amazing to actually talk to someone right away and not a machine! The process is quick and the information needed is basic stuff with the military." – Tom S

**Don't wait until child care costs and military commitment take a toll on
your finances, or your spouse's career or education.**

Call 1-888-642-2799 or NGCCP@GuardFamily.org

Free weekend retreats for military families!

Bring your family to Pioneer Camp in Angola, NY for a weekend of relaxation and family fun! "Take a Break" and join us for campfires, games, swimming, boating, relaxing, and more! Family friendly housing, delicious meals, many optional family activities, and free time opportunities will be provided at no cost!



Dates available are:

June 19-21 June 26-28
August 21-23 August 28-30

(Space is limited...registration granted on a first come first serve basis)

** To Register please fill out the form to the right and return it to:*

Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center
9324 Lakeshore Rd. Angola, NY 14006



** For more information or questions
please email us at:*

info@pioneerencamp.org or call (716) 549-1420



Registration Form : "Take a Break" Family Weekend Camps

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address _____
(street)

(city) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Service Member: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Date you wish to attend: _____

Attending: # of _____ adults #of _____ children

Photo & Video Release: During the run of it's programs, Pioneer staff may take photographs of various program activities and participants for future promotional use. If you DO NOT consent to having your family's image/likeness used in promotional materials, check the box to the left. (Consent not required for attendance.)

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center is excited to partner with Operation Enduring Comfort to offer these "Take A Break" family weekends. Pioneer is located directly on Lake Erie with waterfront/beach access and is 30 minutes from Buffalo, 45 minutes from Niagara Falls and 90 minutes from Rochester. Please visit our website at www.pioneerencamp.org for additional information.



Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center is excited to partner with Operation Enduring Comfort to offer these "Take a Break" family weekends!

Date Rec'd _____

Ack Sent: _____

Summer Riding Camps



at Morgan Farm



Dates

Week 1 June 29-July 1

3-day Mini-Camp (Western)

Week 2 July 6-10

Beginner Western

Week 3 July 13-17

Beginner English

Week 4 July 22-24

3-day Mini-Camp (Beginner Western)

Week 5 July 27-31

Advanced Beginner/Intermediate English

Week 6 August 3-7

Beginner Western Camp

*English & Western
Style Riding*

Grooming

Tacking

Mucking

Proper TLC

*A stepping stone for children who have completed beginner camps at Morgan Farm or elsewhere. Requires a 1/2 hour lesson with our instructor to determine level of ability.

Levels defined on reverse.

Hours:

5-day camps - Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

Minicamp - Mon-Wed 9am-3pm

Rates:

	Mil/DoD	Dependents of deployed Soldiers	Non-DoD
5-day Camp	\$230	\$207	\$235
3-day Minicamp	\$145	\$130.50	\$150



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