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SESAME STREET

Sesame Workshop Launches Phase Two of Military Families Outreach: Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind Sesame Street, today launched Talk, Listen, Connect: Deployments, Homecomings, Changes, the second phase of the Workshop's military outreach program launched initially in 2006. The initiative provides support and offers significant resources for military families with young children experiencing the effects of deployments, multiple deployments or when a parent returns home changed due to a combat related injury.

Talk, Listen, Connect: Deployments, Homecomings, Changes seeks to:

- * Reduce the level of anxiety children may experience during homecomings after multiple deployments
- * Help parents with ways to cope with multiple deployments;
- * Help young children gain an age-appropriate understanding of a parent's injury by including them and the entire family in the rehabilitation process;
- * Reassure children that they are loved and secure and that together with their families, they can learn new ways of being there for one another and having hope for the future.

The resources consist of a bilingual (English/Spanish) multimedia outreach kit with DVDs for children and adults starring the Muppets from Sesame Street, print materials for children, parents and caregivers and facilitators and American Greeting postcards featuring the beloved Sesame Street characters for parents and children to stay connected.

To order your Free Copy of this video please visit:



www.militaryonesource.com

FREE SUMMER CAMP

CAMP TRANQUILLITY

“A Children’s Camp With a Heart”

Tranquillity Camp would like to offer **FREE** scholarships for the summer of 2008 to all Military children. Children must be in good health and between the ages of 8-15. Camp is 25 miles south of Albany. Transportation is provided from Queens, NY or parents can drive their children directly to camp.

The Camp Is situated on 1,000 rolling acres in Earlton, NY., just 20 miles south of Albany, NY. Each summer hundreds of children find friendship, fun and personal growth in our camp program, which gives them a healthy, happy and memorable summer experience. This is the third year Camp Tranquillity has given support to our National Guard youth!!! HOOOOAH!!!!!!!

A partial list of activities include:

Softball, swimming instruction, arts and crafts, football, nature hiking, Special events, gymnastics, Evening programs, and much more!!!

If you are interested in camping at Tranquillity Camp, parents can contact Richard S. Lerner directly.

Contact:

Richard S. Lerner

845-638-6351

Email: campty@msn.com

Don't Wait!! Sign up today!!!



Long Island Camps and Private Schools

Support our Troops

FREE SUMMER CAMPS

Dear Families,

The Long Island Camps and Private Schools organization, represent Camping on Long Island at its finest. Our organization has been active for over 50 years with a 23 camp membership. With representation in Nassau and Suffolk counties of New York, we pride ourselves on abiding by the highest standards of the American Camping Association.

To honor our troops overseas, we would like to donate a Summer Camp Experience for an immediate family member. If you would like more information and a consideration for one of our many scholarships, please call our association and speak to Cheryl at 516-623-4550. You can then expect a phone call from an age appropriate camp where the program and details will be outlined.

Happy Camping!!

Brookhaven Day Camp
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Driftwood Day Camp
Hampton Day CampDay
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Active Duty National Guard serving under Title 10 or Title 32, United States Code (U.S.C.) military families are now eligible for Child Care subsidy benefits subject to eligibility requirements and availability of funds. Please visit the NACCRRRA website, www.naccrra.org, for further information regarding this subject.

When you reach the site click on (Click here for Military Child Care) lower left hand corner, then click on Army, then Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood. Should you have any question please do not hesitate to call me.

Child Care for Families of Severely Injured Military Service Members

NACCRA and the Department of Defense (DoD) have partnered to provide families of severely injured military members with assistance to find and pay for safe, licensed child care services for a period of six months during their period of recuperation. The program is available nationwide wherever the injured member is receiving either in-patient or out-patient medical care.

To apply for any of these programs, families and service members can call 1-800-424-2246 or visit <http://www.NACCRRRA.org/military>.

To find suitable child care please visit: www.childcareaware.org

If you have any questions on how to apply, or if you need help with completing the application to receive assistance, please contact me at:

shelly.m.aiken@us.army.mil

914-788-7405

TEEN SUMMIT

AFRC Services secured AF approval/funding to provide the first ever AF Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summit. The location is the Wahsega 4-H Center in the north Georgia mountains of Dahlonega, GA. The dates for the summit are 14-18 July 08 for AF Reserve/ANG teens ages 14-18 years. The purpose of the summit is to educate teens on programs and assistance available to them, identify how they can get involved in being a community spokesperson for AF Reserve/ANG youth, as well as give them an opportunity to identify any needs not currently being addressed. In addition, teens will be provided high adventure opportunities such as ropes course, white water rafting, orienteering, and much more! Camp will be limited to 100 teens and all camp costs and transportation will be covered to include roundtrip airfare to Atlanta and bus transportation to/from the camp site. The online application site is now open and until 16 May at the following address: http://georgia4h.org/public/apps/public_campreg. Instructions for the registration site are below.

Registration instructions: Please print out the instructions below to follow along as you move through the registration site. Again, acceptance of youth is not based on first come, first serve. We will be using the following criteria when selecting the 100 participants:

- 1) Response to the short essay question on the online application
- 2) Equal representation from Guard and Reserve families
- 3) Geographic representation
- 4) Varied representation of age and gender
- 5) References

The registration site is set up through GA 4-H Camp Registration System. Once you enter the site...

- 1) On the left side of the page, click Create User Name. The next page will ask you for your email address. This will be your user name when you log into the system.
- 2) After your account is created, log in to the system.
- 3) Click on AFR/ANG Teen Summit
- 4) On the left side of the page, under Records, click Insert. This will bring you to the registration page.
- 5) On the registration page, the member type is "Youth"
- 6) On the registration page, in the box labeled Essay and References, please answer the following question in 200 words or less and provide 2 references with title, email and phone number.

Essay question: Why should you be chosen as a participant of the youth summit, and what do you hope to take back to your community about families of the AF Reserve and Guard?

If you are entering more than one teen from your family, you do not need to create another username and password. You can simply "insert" another record.

VIDEO BY ZERO TO THREE

Did you know? 90,000 babies are born to active duty service members each year, and there are over 106,000 children ages birth to 3 who are part of the Guard and Reserve families.

These children and families live throughout the country—they may be living in your neighborhood or your colleagues may be serving them. ZERO TO THREE has just released a video, *Young Children on the Homefront*, in which military families share their unique deployment experiences and early childhood professionals offer tips and strategies for dealing with difficult issues such as grief and loss from deployment and the challenges that often arise upon reunification.

Watch the *Young Children on the Homefront* video online at ZERO TO THREE's military resources www.zerotothree.org/site/Ri=lnOQQm3eBuffyZu0dhFjw.. link to learn more about how to support all military families.

"Over There" Activity Book

Here is an opportunity to create your own *Over There Children's* book! Download the PDF (either the mommy version or the daddy version, depending on which parent is deployed), print it out, and attach photos that represent the spirit of the text. If you and your child are feeling extra creative, you can even draw your own illustrations.

Do whatever feels right to capture your family's unique deployment story. After completing the book, keep it on hand and read it to your child as often as each of you would like.

To learn more about any of the above listed programs, please visit www.zerotothree.org

Deployment Support

Guide for Helping Children and Youth Cope with Separation:
www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil

Military Youth Coping with Separation Video:

Mr. Poe and Friends
www.aap.org/sections/unifserv/deployment/index.html

2008 ThanksUSA Scholarship

Who is eligible for the scholarships?

All dependent children, age 24 and under (as of the 5/15/08 application deadline), and all spouses of active-duty U.S. military service personnel are eligible to apply for scholarships with Thank-sUSA®. How much are the awards?

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award of \$3,000. Payments are made in two equal installments on August 15 and December 30.

To find more about the application process please visit: <http://www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html>

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Check out these great programs!!!

WEST POINT

KIDS FISHING DERBY

Don't miss the annual Kids Fishing Derby at Round Pond Rec Area, Saturday, May 17, 9am-1pm. Fishing clinics, lunch, prizes! Open to kids age 5-15 that live at West Point, Town of Highlands, Stewart, or whose parents are DOD employees. FREE for Families of deployed Soldiers. To register, call 938-2503. For more details: [westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com) <<http://www.westpointmwr.com/>>

Looking for Military deals and discounts?

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www.veteransadvantage.com

New York Yankees Baseball

Present your military ID card at advance ticket windows before any Monday-Thursday game and receive one complimentary Tier Reserve MVP, Tier Reserve, or Bleacher ticket or one half price ticket in the following locations: Main Box, Main Reserve, Loge Box, Tier Box MVP, and Tier Box. Complimentary military personnel tickets are available ONLY on the day of the game.

Ft. Hamilton

Kids' Golf Clinic

Child and Youth Services will have a golf clinic from April 26 - May 17 from 10 - 11 a.m. for kids age six to 11 and from 11 a.m. - noon for kids 11 and up at building 125. For more information, contact Jason Gochez 718-630-4518.

STEWART AIRPORT

The EAA Chapter 1280 at Pacific Aviation at Stewart Airport will again be giving FREE Plane rides to ALL National Guard Youth ages 8 - 17 (inclusive). Date/Time: 9:00 AM - Noon, Saturday, May 17, 2008.

Website is: www.eaa-1280.org

Private pilot scholarships (\$2,400, or about half required amount) are also available to Young Eagles, application is on the website. The first scholarship winner, Rachel Conklin, is also pictured. Rachel should earn her private pilot license in early 2009.

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NYS Zoo Military Appreciation Day: 5/17/08

All Military Families will be admitted for free to the NYS Zoo at Thompson Park, Watertown, with proper ID, in honor of Armed Forces Day. 755-0894

Armed Forces Day BBQ at LeRay Heights 5/16/08

4 - 7 pm The Community Life Office is hosting an Armed Forces Day BBQ at the LeRay Heights Community Center.

All Military Families are welcome to join us for this free event, enjoy great food, games, giveaways and just plain fun. Cheryl Gravlee 772-5374

08 Summer Reading Program - "Catch the Reading Bug"

- This self paced summer reading program is for children entering preschool through the 10th grade. The program is designed to help children retain their reading gains between school years. Kids can have fun reading and earn raffle tickets for prizes while keeping up their reading skills. Registration begins June 1 pick up a form at the front desk of the McEwen Library. Allen Goudie 772-5929

109TH AIRLIFT WING GALAXY CAMP

Galaxy Camp: This is a tradition at the 109th Airlift Wing. Every year military children from all branches of service come together for a week of fun at the Stratton Air National Guard base. Every year the numbers grow as more kids learn about the fun we have. This year the theme is Antarctica in honor of the International Polar Year and our unique mission in support of this. Although we will be talking about Antarctica and the science exploration in that area, we will also spend time learning what we have in common being from military families and how we can deal with the stresses that we face.

August 18 - 22, 2008 from 0800 to 1600 at the Stratton Air National Guard Base in Scotia, NY. The camp is for military children ages 8 to 12.

Junior Counselors will be needed. Children 13 and over can apply for the position of Junior Counselor. They will work alongside an adult Camp Counselor, assisting in leading a group of 6 to 8 campers.

For applications and questions please contact:

Joanna Pritchard, Wing Family Program Coordinator 109th Airlift Wing

Office: (518)344-2357

DSN: 344-2357

Email: joanna.pritchard@nyscot.ang.af.mil

**Summer Camps and Summer Programs at
Colleges in New York by Location**

**[http://www.summeroncampus.com/
main/LocationList.asp](http://www.summeroncampus.com/main/LocationList.asp)**

106th Rescue Wing GALAXY CAMP 08

Coming soon

August 2008



To take part in this exciting, fun-filled, hands on camp there is only **ONE** requirement; you must be a **“MILITARY CHILD”**. All branches of service welcome!! Any questions, please call Lisa D’Agostino, 106th Wing Family Program Coordinator at 631-723-7133. More details to follow in next issue.

This photo is of our medical unit that was deployed overseas. Our members are holding Valentine’s Day cards that were made by children of the 106th Rescue Wing.

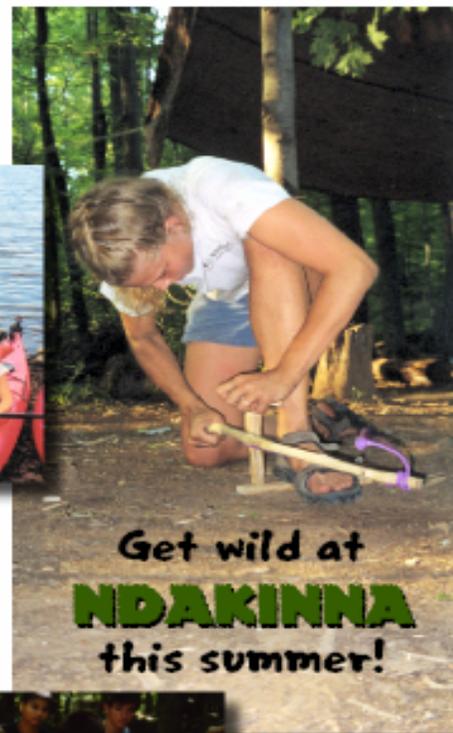




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Would your child be interested in making a new friend and getting to know another child like him/herself? **Why not sign them up for the Project Pen Pal.** What a great way for them to share stories about Military life and learn different cultures from around the Globe. If your child is interested please fill out the information below. Parents, **please don't forget to sign** the permission slip and either fax it or mail it to the number below.

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

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.)