



NJ C.H.A.M.P. Children Having a Military Parent

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National Guard Youth Holiday Camp

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We will be hosting our first "Holiday Camp" on Wednesday December 28, 2011 from 8 am-4 pm at the Joint Military & Family Assistance Office (located on US Highway 206) for National Guard youth ages 5-17 to attend.

There will be no off-site trips and transportation will be provided by the family of the youth/teen attending. This is offered to National Guard children, youth and teens at NO-COST.

Our theme is "Building Courage through Developing Our Skills and Talents"

Children are going to work on a Talent Showcase and we will be inviting parents, family and friends to attend in the afternoon. Minimum participation is 20 with max participation being 40. Deadline to register will be Tuesday December 20, 2011 by 3pm. If you are interested, please contact Amanda Balas at 609-324-7018 or Nicole Lewis at 609-324-7019 for more information and the permission slip.

NEW Office Phone Numbers



As of Tuesday December 6, 2011 the Joint Military & Family Assistance Office (formerly known as the State Family Programs Office) located on US Highway 206 has NEW office phone numbers.

Everyone in this building does now have their own phone line. Each number will begin with 609-324-xxxx. The contact list will be updated and published soon.

Amanda office number: 609-324-7018

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New Jersey National Guard
Child & Youth Program

NJ National Guard Spring Break Camp

The NJ National Guard Child and Youth Program Coordinators would like to know if YOU are interested in holding a “Spring Break Camp” at New Jersey Armory in April for 3 or 4 days. This type of camp has been held in the past in south Jersey and has been a huge success.

The event will be held at an Armory for youth ages 5-17 from 8 am - 6 pm to participate in fun-filled days of various activities. Some activities include cooking classes, demonstrations, motivational activities, local events/vendors and teen leadership, just to name a few.

We are looking for interested National Guard Families (deployed or not) and their youth/teens to let us know if this is a program **YOU** want.



The program needs between 25 & 45 youth/teens to run.

If you may be interested please email your information (youth ages, Armory you would like the event to be held at) to Nicole or Amanda

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT AFTER WE DETERMINE THE INTEREST & LOCATIONS.

Volunteers—We Need YOU!!!

Volunteer Opportunities—Assist the New Jersey National Guard State Youth Coordinators (SYCs) in the delivery of youth/teen-related events, programs, or trainings as well as ensuring youth program policies are enforced. There are a wide range of areas to choose from.

Volunteer Qualifications:

- ** A desire to work with National Guard youth/teens
- ** Willingness to work as a TEAM, with an outgoing personality
- ** Strong communication skills and the ability to *think on your feet*
- ** A cleared criminal history background check, on file with the SYC
- ** The ability to enforce behavior expectations for youth/teens
- ** The ability to be supportive and empathetic of the New Jersey National Guard Community (Service members, youth, teens and family members)

If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact Nicole Morgan-Lewis at 609-324-7019 or nicole.l.morgan-lewis@us.army.mil



Hero Pack Ceremonies

On Thursday October 13, 2011 we conducted a Hero Pack Ceremony for the Youth of the SecFor Platoon at the Riverdale Armory in North Jersey. We had local teenagers from the Riverdale High School down the street help out to distribute the Hero Packs and honor our Youngest Heroes. Here are some pictures from the night:



On Saturday October 15, 2011 at the Yellow Ribbon Sustainment Brief, we held another Hero Pack Ceremony for Air and Army Guard children, youth and teens at the Mays Landing VFW. The event was well attended and everyone had smiles on their faces. At the end of the Ceremony everyone enjoyed juice and large cupcakes. Here are some pictures from that afternoon:



On Saturday November 12, 2011 we celebrated a Hero Pack Ceremony at the Freehold Armory for Army Guard youth who are the most recent families to experience a separation. It was a small group of youth that were able to make friends very quickly. Here are some pictures from that event:



Air Guard Youth Mobility Line

On Sunday December 4, 2011 over 75 children, youth and teens from the 108th Air Refueling Wing at McGuire came out to “receive their orders and start their deployment.” Each person that attended were assigned a chalk/group, sat in and listened to a briefing from Security Police and Medical and went through the mobility line to receive literature. After each chalk/group learned about the workings of the fire department and were able to climb on a fire truck. They were also able to climb and explore a Refueling Airplane. At the end, everyone enjoyed light refreshments, received their personalized dog tags and were able to play games, watch movies and make arts-n-crafts. It was a great morning for all. Here are some pictures from the event:



Hearts Apart Holiday Party

THE HEARTS APART HOLIDAY PARTY is for FAMILIES of DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS and for SERVICEMEMBERS THAT HAVE RETURNED FROM DEPLOYMENT THIS YEAR and THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

Sunday, 11 December 2011

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tommy B's Community Center —

2705 E Arnold Ave, McGuire, NJ 08641

Reservations required by 8 December 2011.

Call the Dix or McGuire Family Readiness Center at (609) 562-2767 or (609) 754-3154.

