



State Family Programs Office

NJ C.H.A.M.P.

Children Having a Military Parent

NJ National Guard Summer Youth Camp

July, 2011

It is that time of year again!!! 2011 NJ National Guard Youth Camp is right around the corner. This year will mark our 17th year holding this Camp at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt.

All acceptance/confirmation packets have been mailed out as of 23 June 2011. There were only 2 that were kicked back to me and those families have been contacted. If you have NOT received anything via mail about Youth Camp please contact me immediately so that we can remedy the situation.

Each Camper, Counselor in Training, Junior & Senior Counselor will receive 3 Camp t-shirts, 1 baseball cap, 1 sweatshirt and a backpack. All other volunteers will receive 2 Camp t-shirts and a baseball cap. ONLY Camp t-shirts will be washed during the week of camp for Campers, Counselors in Training, Jr & Sr Counselors. Please bring enough undergarments, towels, clothes for the week as we can not wash any other items.

This year, each Camper, Counselor in Training and any interested Counselor will be working on a project called "In My Shoes." We are asking that each Camper bring in 1- shoe/sneaker for this project; however, please do not go out and buy brand new shoes. We will have our own supply of shoes/sneakers for those who don't have or don't remember their shoe/sneaker. Please no boots.

PLEASE do not bring anything on the DO NOT BRING list. Money is NOT necessary for any reason during Camp. Cell phones will be confiscated from anyone under 18 years old and stored in Security until the close of camp as they are a distraction and hindrance to the camp activities. If you need to use the phone, there is a land-line in the Safety & Security office that will be available. Please contact Amanda Balas or Nicole Morgan-Lewis at 609-298-1196 (by 4pm on 7 July) with any questions or concerns.

9:30am on Saturday 16 July will be Closing Ceremonies for the Camp—please plan to arrive NLT 9am to park and find seating. The Ceremony will last @ 30 minutes. You MUST sign each child out with their Company before you leave. Thanks!

Summer is here!!! Please remember to stay hydrated and cool throughout these hot months!!!

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Summer Camp Opportunities

New York Giants Youth Football Camps

Non-Contact Football Skills, Life Skills and Fun!

For Kids Ages 6 to 14 Years Old.

MILITARY PAY JUST \$249: SUBMIT DISCOUNT CODE "MILITARY200"

Available to first 20 applicants. Register at www.NYGiantsCamps.com

Camp Locations & Dates are as follows:

Lakewood: July 11-15 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Basking Ridge: July 18-22 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Florham Park: July 25-29 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wayne: June 27-July 1 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Paramus: July 11-22 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Livingston: July 18-22 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Freehold: July 25-29 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Princeton: July 11-15 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Somerset: July 18-22 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Middletown: July 25-29 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Springfield: July 11-15 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wyckoff: July 18-22 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Randolph: July 25-29 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



- Non-Contact Football Skills for Kids Ages 6-14
- Learn to run, throw, catch, defend and compete the New York Giants way!
- Age appropriate, station-based training for both advanced players and newcomers.
- For football instruction, athletic skill development, fitness and agility training.
- Kids gain confidence, develop skills and have a blast! Featuring Giants Youth Camp Heroes like Stephen Baker, Eric Dorsey, Rodney Hampton, Curtis McGriff and Charles Way!

Sign up Today for the Best Week of the Summer! Visit www.NYGiantsCamps.com or call 877-226-9919



NJ Operation Military Kids Camps

Speak Out Military Kids Retreat: August 2-4, 2011

Do you like to make movies, slide shows, or radio broadcasts? Want to learn more about media communications while making new friends? Teens in grades 7-13 (grade in which you just finished) are invited to this unique retreat where they will create media projects as well as learn about the military deployment cycle. Stay tuned for more information as it develops!

Teen Leadership Camp-out: August 19-21, 2011

At this popular weekend camp, teens from across New Jersey come together at Turkey Swamp to develop leadership skills in the great outdoors. Teens in grades 7-13 participate in boating, team-building activities, and meet outdoor challenges. "This weekend was awesome and I can't wait to come back next year!" For registration materials, please visit:

<http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/OMK/2011TeenLeadershipCampRegistration.pdf>

We are also looking for teen presenters at this conference. If you think you would like to lead a workshop, please fill out this form at: <http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/OMK/2011%20Presenter%20Form%20PDF.pdf>



Camp Ronald McDonald

Looking for 92 Special Needs Youth, ages 8-18, to attend this awesome Camp August 7-12, 2011

****This is a military youth only camp**
There is no cost to attend**



Campers will spend their days having both mountain and lakeside adventures with such adapted program activities as swimming, canoeing, kayaking, arts & crafts, drama, sports, nature walks, archery, and nutrition/cooking classes. Evening activities will include dances, talent shows, carnivals, group games and of course campfires! At night campers will reside in roomy, ventilated log cabins in bunk style beds. Each cabin cluster has a magnificent view of Eagle Lake.

Camp Ronald McDonald at Eagle Lake does not provide transportation for campers to and from camp. Please work with the California 4-H Youth Development program for details on travel reimbursement to the camp. Each camper will be eligible to receive up to \$600 in travel reimbursement for mileage incurred, airfare, train, etc.

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Our Military Kids, Inc NEEDS Your Vote!!!

Thanks for your support during the “endorsing” phase of the Facebook contest with Vivint that could result in Our Military Kids winning \$250,000 to provide more grants to National Guard, Reserve, and Wounded Warrior children.

Because of your votes, Our Military Kids finished the “endorsing” phase in 15th place, allowing us to move on to the final round of the contest. We are up against 19 other organizations in the eastern region that are capable of getting hundreds of votes per day. We need your support now more than ever to continue receiving a large number of votes on a daily basis.



The contest runs from until August 27, with the opportunity to vote once daily. Because this final phase of the contest is more than two months long, we need your consistent support to stay on top of the competition. Please “like” Our Military Kids on Facebook <<http://www.facebook.com/OurMilitaryKids>> , as we will provide reminders throughout each week urging people to vote daily.

You must have a Facebook account to vote. Here are instructions on how to vote:

1. Go to the Our Military Kids page on Vivint’s website <<http://www.vivint.com/givesbackproject/charity/1138>> , and walk through the steps provided.
2. First, you need to click the “Login” button to connect with Facebook.
3. Next, you need to click the button to “Like” Vivint on Facebook (this step is only completed the first time you vote).
4. Finally, scroll to the bottom of the page and click “Vote” to vote for Our Military Kids.
5. Visit the link above to vote every day until August 27!

Your support doesn’t have to end with your daily vote. Here are some other ways you can help us:

- Forward this email to friends and family members;
- Let all of your coworkers know they can vote and remind them daily;
- Spread the word to people at your church and in your social groups; and
- If your age-appropriate kids are already on Facebook, get them to vote and tell all their friends to vote, too.

Please encourage everyone to “like” Our Military Kids on Facebook and vote daily for Our Military Kids in the Vivint Gives Back Project. We can’t do this without your support. Thank you for helping Our Military Kids continue its mission of helping National Guard, Reserve, and Wounded Warrior Children.

Best Regards,
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Teen Washington, DC Trip was AWESOME!!!!

“What a blast!!!” “Can we go again?” “What’s next year’s dates?”

These were just some of the quotes out of the Teens’ mouths that we heard on our way home from Washington, DC. Twenty six Teens and eight adult chaperones took a weekend trip to Washington, DC from 10-12 June 2011. Everyone, including the adults, learned something, made new friends and had a lot of fun.

The group arrived at Bolling Air Force Base Friday night @ 10pm and were divided into groups to stay in the 2 bedroom, bathroom, kitchenette and living room area suites. Many of the Teens were so excited that they stayed up past midnight to chat and play games.

Saturday morning we rose bright and early to head to IHOP for breakfast at 8am. Right after breakfast, we stopped by the Natural History Museum before heading to the Washington DC National Guard Armory. There we met the DC Guard Teen Panel and their staff as well as took a tour and learned about the history of the building. After we enjoyed lunch together, we headed to the Capitol Building for our very interesting tour of the building. Our tour guide was very knowledgeable, kept us entertained and was extremely impressed with the history and facts our NJ NG Teens knew, especially from Scott S. (age 13 from North Jersey). After the tour, we went to the Seafood Palace Buffet for a wide variety of food for dinner, which many of us were complaining at the end how stuffed we were. We wrapped up Saturday night by enjoying a 3 and half hour Twilight Trolley Tour that took us all over DC sightseeing at various monuments and historical places. Our tour guide was very interactive and funny as well as he was impressed with the wealth of knowledge from our Teens. Everyone went back to the hotel @ midnight and crashed.

Sunday we got up, packed up and went to breakfast at IHOP. We were able to make one last stop at a gift store before we headed back to NJ. The Cherry Hill drop offs returned @ 1:30pm and the West Orange crew were back @ 3:30pm. It was a great trip that we look forward to making an annual event for our Teens ages 12-17 every Spring. Here are some pictures from the weekend extravaganza:

