



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

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New Jersey National Guard
Child & Youth Program

National Guard Youth Holiday Camp Wrap Up

The first annual Holiday Camp held at the Joint Military & Family Assistance Office in Bordentown was a huge success!! On Wednesday December 28, 2011 the Child & Youth Program orchestrated by the State Youth Coordinators hosted 40 National Guard children, youth and teens as well as 3 adult volunteers. The day's theme was "Building Courage through Developing Our Skills and Talents" and at the end of the day the youth and teens presented 17 acts in a Talent Show for everyone to enjoy.

In the morning, the 40 participants were divided into two groups, based on age. The younger youth learned about martial arts and the skills it has to offer for all ages. They also brainstormed on their personal talents and started using and/or making props that would be needed for their Show. The older youth/teens enjoyed a presentation and story telling by Mr. Keith Dunn on Cyberbullying and Cyber Safety. They also learned firsthand about college life from 2 college students. They were able to gain insight on the life-style with living in a dorm and how to prepare for college.

After lunch, the group worked on their talents and practiced on stage. The last hour was spent enjoying all the talents from the youth. Here are some pictures from the day's events:



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 & SET LOCATIONS.

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NJ National Guard Summer Camp at Sea Girt

The 2012 annual Summer Camp held at Sea Girt will take place 8-14 July for Campers ages 9-13 years old. Teens ages 14 and 15 will be Counselors in Training (with limited slots available) and Teens ages 16 and 17 will be Junior Counselors. Volunteers, ages 18 and older, are always welcome to volunteer in a wide realm of areas. There are plenty of opportunities for all!!!

Counselors ages 16 and up will be **required** to attend a mandatory training on Saturday 7 July 2012 at Sea Girt. Please mark your calendars now.



***** This year all youth and teens ages 9-15 will be required to pay \$150.00 to participate in the week-long summer camp. The fee includes, meals, snacks, water, backpack, camp t-shirts and camp hat.**

***** Also this year, we will be having an electronic application to fill in and submit online. We hope to have it posted by February 15, 2012**

Please stay posted for more information as to when the application will be available online.

Military Family Support 360 Child and Youth Programs Present a Summer Camp Open House



Tuesday, January 17th 2012
3pm to 7pm McGuire North Chapel
3827 School House Rd

No Gate Passes Needed ~ Falcon Courts North Housing ~ McGuire



It's time to turn our attention to summer activities and day camps for our children. Many area camps will participate and share their camp activities and information.

YMCA Camps, Local Township Recreation Programs, Local Day Camps, Burlington County Community College, Special Olympics and Martial Arts....just to name a few!

* Door Prize * Educational Toy Swap *

See Facebook page for details!

For more information and to RSVP (for planning purposes), please call 609 562-5200 or email us at mfs360@spannj.org. Plan to join us!



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Invites you to a Child Care Resource
Fair

For National Guard/Reserve Families
Thursday, January 19, 2012 6:00pm-8:30pm

Snow Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2012

St . John Neumann Conference Center

146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

RSVP by January 13, 2012, to Nicole Morgan-Lewis
609-324-7019 or nicole.l.morgan-lewis@us.army.mil

In case of snow call (732-562-1990) recording will say if Conference Center is closed.

Various displays, informational booths and presentations will be ongoing throughout the night. Many of the providers are willing to offer free and/or reduced child care to the NJ Military Families during times of service and separation. Here is the place to learn more!!

There will also be light refreshments and giveaways too.

New Jersey Operation: Military Kids Annual Poster Contest



What is the contest?

November is the Month of the Military Family and New Jersey Operation: Military Kids is celebrating with a poster contest. Children of military service people are young heroes while their parent is away. To salute these children, Operation: Military Kids is searching for original artwork to be displayed in various locations across New Jersey in 2012. Poster designs should raise community awareness for military kids as well as inspire others to thank our young heroes.

Who can enter?

The poster contest is open to both military and non-military youth grades K-12.

How to enter:

All entries must be received by January 27, 2012. Visit <http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/OMK.html> for rules and the entry form. The entry form must be affixed to the back of the poster submission. Do not fold your design. Mail it in a full size (9"x12") envelope to:

Operation: Military Kids Poster Contest
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County
P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963



Winners:

All winners will be announced in OMK News. Prizes will be awarded by mail.

NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation Scholarships

Each year the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation awards two (2) \$2,500 scholarships to high school seniors from New Jersey who plan to further their education either at a college or university or trade/technical school. Winners are notified in early May and awarded the scholarship during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. In addition to the scholarship application and proof of acceptance to a college or trade school, all applicants must submit an essay about his/her visit to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, located off the Garden State Parkway at exit 116 in Holmdel. The Foundation offers free Vietnam Veteran led tours of the Memorial from February through April for students to make their mandatory visit. Deadline to apply is Friday April 20, 2012 by 5:00pm. For more information, please visit www.njvvmf.org or for questions, please call 732-335-0033 x100



Bank of America Student Leaders Program

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS OPEN TO JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN 44 MARKETS INCLUDING ALL OF NEW JERSEY

Bank of America is looking for tomorrow's community leaders today. We are asking for your help to identify outstanding young people who are passionate about making a difference in our community.

Since its inception in 2004, the Bank of America Student Leaders Program has recognized more than 1,600 exemplary high school juniors and seniors with a passion for improving their communities. The program helps students gain a greater understanding of how nonprofits create impact in the community and helps develop them as the next generation of community leaders through two components:

** A summer 2012 eight-week paid internship with selected nonprofit organizations designed to provide opportunities for the students to develop and apply leadership skills through hands-on work experience, while raising their awareness of community issues addressed by their Host Organization.

** A week-long all-expense paid Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., July 15-20, 2012. Conducted in partnership with the Close Up Foundation, the Summit introduces students to aspects of civic, social and business leadership and provides them with knowledge and skills they will use throughout their life to create positive community change.

Students can apply for the program by going to www.bankofamerica.com/neistudentleaders, or for more information on the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, please visit the website at <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/>.

Volunteer Training

On Saturday November 19, 2011 the New Jersey National Guard Child & Youth Program and New Jersey Operation: Military Kids team hosted the first Volunteer Training at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. We had 27 volunteers attend the day long event from 9am until 4pm.

Linda Rieth, Co-Chairmen for the State Family Readiness Council, was our guest speaker and started the day with opening remarks. She shared her personal stories of volunteering and working with youth for many years. She provided words of wisdom to the volunteers on being a military child, spouse and mother. Mrs. Rieth also thanked all in the room for their compassion and willingness to support the military families across NJ. THANK YOU, Mrs. Rieth, for being an awesome volunteer and strong supporter of military children, youth and teens.

Following Mrs. Rieth's remarks, we continued the day with various topics such as Ages & Stages of Youth Development, Stages of Deployment, Volunteer Opportunities, Resources and the Joint Services Support website. After we all enjoyed a delicious lunch, the afternoon was spent working in small groups on hands-on activities. We also utilized the Yellow Ribbon Curriculum and were able to role play with some of the lesson plans.

We concluded the day with the group sharing what they had learned and how they would use the tools given throughout the day. Each participant left with a variety of goodies to include a binder, stress ball, pen, lesson plans and certificate of completion.

Here are some pictures from the day:

