

Army Reserve Child, Youth & School Services

July 2015



CYSS CONNECTIONS

Military Youth on the Move

Monthly Highlights:

July 4 Independence Day

Recognizing that being a military child can have its own unique issues, Military Youth on the Move is a one-stop-shop for advice and information on moving, social life, school and more for military children, youth, and parents.

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Information for youth, preteens, and teenagers includes age-appropriate articles and tips on being the new kid, getting involved in the community, adjusting to a new school, managing money, and developing leadership skills.

Featured sections for all ages are dedicated to moving out, healthy living, getting help, staying safe, and podcasts and electronic media.

- Moving Out provides information and tips for packing, saying goodbye, on the road, staying in touch, and moving overseas.
- Healthy Eating provides information and tips for eating healthy and physical education.
- Get Help provides information and tips for deployment, divorce, bullying, and talking to someone.
- Stay Safe provides information and tips for social media safety and online predators.
- Podcasts and Videos provide additional information that can be enjoyed on various mobile devices.

Information for parents features articles and tips for helping their children prepare to move, change schools, make new friends, get involved in their community, stay healthy, manage their finances, navigate new challenges, plan for life after college, and adopt safe online habits.

For more information, please visit: <http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/myom>

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Youth Enrichment Program (YEP): Summer 2015 Dates & Cities

The Youth Enrichment Program (YEP) provides Army Reserve youth between the ages of 6-18 programming that consists of academic, sports, cultural themes, recreational, and leadership activities.

YEPs are open to Army Reserve youth and age requirements vary depending on the activity.

YEPs can last from 4 hours to a full day and age requirements vary depending on the activity.

YEPs provide a fun and engaging supplement to academic skills through interactive learning and leadership activities that focus on a specialty subject, such as college preparation, workforce preparation, and/or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

YEPs are offered at no cost to participants. However, parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to and from the event. Depending on the YEP activity, parents/guardians are also responsible for ensuring a bag lunch and beverage accompanies their youth.

For more information, please contact a CYSS staff member listed on the contact page of this newsletter or visit <http://arfp.org/cyss>.

YEP	Date/Location	YEP	Date/Location	YEP	Date/Location
Social Media Webinar	July 8 Online	Fitness with a Twist	August 1 Chicago, IL	Built 4 Fun	August 29 Colorado Springs, CO
Health and Fitness	July 11 Fort Belvoir, VA	A Kid's Guide to Money	August 3 El Paso, TX	College Readiness and Financial Aid	September 10 Belle Chasse, LA
Roads to College & Career	July 13-15 Pinellas Park, FL	Fit to Win Day	August 4 Fort Jackson, SC	Phinizy Swamp Water Ecology Day	September 12 Augusta, GA
A Kid's Guide to Money	July 24 Los Angeles, CA	Bionic Arm	August 5 Louisville, KY	College Fair Workshop	September 19 Fort Dix, NJ
Fitness with a Twist	July 20 Honolulu, HI	Drama Day	August 8 Fayetteville, NC	Drama Day	September 26 Fort Knox, KY
Bionic Arm	July 21 Chicago, IL	Built 4 Fun	August 8 Houston, TX		
Avoiding the Summer Slide Webinar	July 21 Online	Bionic Arm	August 10 Killeen, TX		
Avoiding the Summer Slide Webinar	July 23 Online	Built 4 Fun	August 15 Fairfax, VA		
Drama Day	July 28 San Diego, CA	Fitness with a Twist	August 17 Tacoma, WA		
Tiger 5K	July 30 Fort Knox, KY	Back to School Survival Webinar	August 20 Online		
Conservation	August 1 Shepherdstown, WV	A Kid's Guide to Money	August 22 Phoenix, AZ		

For additional scheduled YEPs, check out <http://www.arfp.org/cyssstatecamps.php>



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MilitaryOneClick



MilitaryOneClick is a great virtual resource for military Families and friends of the military community, providing direct access to valuable resources.

These resources offer information on a variety of topics, including education, family support, health and wellness, financial management, veterans, job and career tools, and military discounts.

EDUCATION

The Education Resources page on MilitaryOneClick provides scholarships for kids and spouses, as well as information on elementary schools, colleges, and adult training programs. The resources include:

- Military-friendly colleges, universities, and continuing education programs across the country
- Military leadership programs for youth through the US Air Force, National Guard, US Navy, and US Marine Corps
- Military-related and/or military-friendly scholarships and financial aid opportunities
- Helpful education-related resources for parents of school age children, including tutoring services, articles related to parenting, educational tips, and information on public and private schools and school districts across the country.

FAMILY SUPPORT

The Family Support page on MilitaryOneClick provides useful links for military Families, including:

- Resources that aid in dealing with deployment, such as resource guides, suggested reading materials, print-outs and posters for children, outreach programs and initiatives, links to websites in support of military youth, useful apps, and information on camps and Family retreats
- Military-related or military friendly financial assistance resources
- Parenting resources, including information on parent support groups, child care programs and services, parenting solutions, and education tips
- Homeschooling and activities for children
- Resources tailored for parents of Military Members
- Resources for parents and caregivers of special needs children, including information on support groups and networks, toolkits, and medical resources
- Resources Military Members with pets or interested in owning pets, such as military friendly adoption services, relocation resources, and pet sitting or foster services
- Miscellaneous Family resources



For more information, please visit: <http://militaryoneclick.com/>

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MISA: Military Impacted Schools Association

Education is an important quality of life program for military Families. Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) is a national organization of school superintendents dedicated to serving school districts with a high concentration of military children.

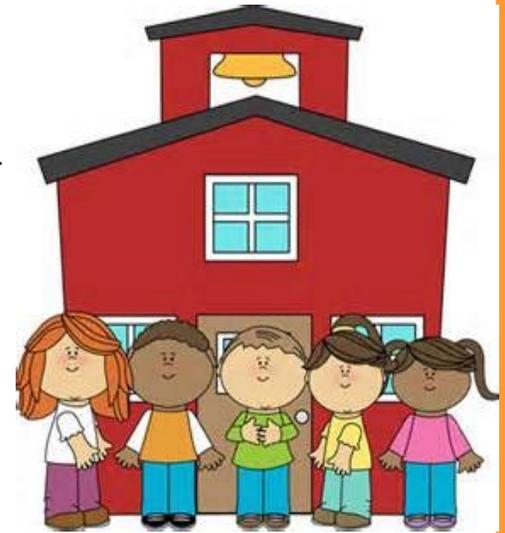
Formed in 1986, MISA works on funding (Impact Aid), legislation, partnerships and programs for military Families on the move.

MISA partners with the Department of Defense Education Activity, National Military Family Association, and military leaders to ensure that all military children are afforded a quality education.

The site contains an extensive list of links for useful resources for military Families and schools.

The resources for Families include:

- Adolescent psychiatry
- After deployment
- Connectedness
- Family Education Network
- Future of Children
- Interstate Compact
- Kindergarten Eligibility by State
- March 2 Success
- Military Kids Connect
- Military OneSource
- My Military Life App
- Operation Purple Camp
- Resilience in Time of War
- School Liaisons
- School Psychologists
- Special Needs
- Student Checklist
- Talk with Kids
- Tutors for Military Students
- Zero to Three



MISA works to develop many partnerships with a common cause -- doing what's best for our military children and Families, as identified above.

MISA also works with local school districts to include a military representative on the school board, open lines of two-way communication between school district and military installation, and provide information regarding Impact Aid Reauthorization. Impact Aid is the second oldest elementary-secondary federal education program administered by the Department of Education currently in law.

For more information, please visit: <http://militaryimpactedschoolsassociation.org/>

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Command/Unit Updates



Teen Council

Let your voice heard and represent the 364th ESC children and youth! Why read about history when you can make it? Be a part of our Teen Council and take your place! The 364th ESC Teen Council is looking for youth between the ages of 13-17 who are willing to take the challenge and become youth leaders within the command and in their communities!

Through this opportunity, youth will gain public speaking and leadership skills, work on professional and personal development skills, experience workshops on communication, develop effective strategies and implement solutions for issues they face as Army Reserve youth. Build your portfolio for life after school. You can make a difference!

The Teen Council's goal is to empower youth with the core values of leadership, service and resiliency. Teen Council aims to promote high standards of learning through curricula, resources and activities. Each well-qualified candidate is chosen based on a thorough selection process revealing their experience, dedication and willingness to speak on behalf of AR children and youth.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 364th-connected youth
- A member in good standing in the military or local community
- Enrolled in the 8th - 11th grade for the 2015-2016 school term
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or better

If you are interested in joining the Teen Council please contact the CYSS staff listed on the contact page of this newsletter.

BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve a two-year term
- Attend up to four meetings annually (travel paid for face-to-face meetings)
- Provide at least 4 hours per month with military and/or community activities
- Work with fellow teens to develop innovative opportunities
- Attend local/regional command youth events as assigned
- Inform Army Reserve leadership about the needs of youth



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Community Events COLORADO AND UTAH

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COLORADO

Name of Event	City	State	Dates	Age Group	POC/Website
Rocky Mountain Adventure Camp*	Near Ft. Collins	CO	6-9 Jul	14-18	https://campscui.active.com/orgs/RockyMountainAdventureCamp-ColoradoStateUniversityMilitaryYouth#/selectSessions/968602
Rocky Mountain Adventure Camp*	Near Ft. Collins	CO	13-16 Jul	14-18	https://campscui.active.com/orgs/RockyMountainAdventureCamp-ColoradoStateUniversityMilitaryYouth#/selectSessions/968602
Rocky Mountain Adventure Camp*	Near Ft. Collins	CO	20-23 Jul	14-18	https://campscui.active.com/orgs/RockyMountainAdventureCamp-ColoradoStateUniversityMilitaryYouth#/selectSessions/968602

*\$25 Registration Fee. Transportation available from Ft. Collins, Colorado Springs, Aurora, and Denver Airport.

UTAH

Name of Event	City	State	Dates	Age Group	POC/Website
Military Maker Day Camp	Lehi	UT	6-10 Jul	5th-8th grades	http://utah4-h.org/hm/4hmilitarykids

YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN CHECKING THE FOLLOWING LINKS REGULARLY FOR EVENTS IN YOUR AREA:

CYSS Events: <http://www.arfp.org/cyssprogram.php>

4-H: www.4-h.org

YMCA: www.ymca.net/



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Community Events MONTANA

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MONTANA - Army Reserve youth are eligible to attend these National Guard events.

Name of Event	City	State	Dates	Age Group	POC/Website
Teen Resilience Training	Kalispell	MT	15 Jul	12-18	Register Here
Kids Mobility Day	Kalispell	MT	16 Jul	5-9	Register Here
Fort Harrison Day Camp	Helena	MT	21-24 Jul	6-12	Register Here
Teen Resilience Training	Missoula	MT	28 Jul	12-18	Register Here
Kids Mobility Day	Missoula	MT	29 Jul	5-9	Register Here
Teen Resilience Training	Miles City	MT	31 Jul	12-18	Register Here
Kids Mobility Day	Miles City	MT	1 Aug	5-9	Register Here
Teen Resilience Training	Billings	MT	3 Aug	12-18	Register Here
Kids Mobility Day	Billings	MT	4 Aug	5-9	Register Here
Teen Resilience Training	Havre	MT	17 Aug	12-18	Register Here
Kids Mobility Day	Havre	MT	18 Aug	5-9	Register Here
Teen Resilience Training	Great Falls	MT	19 Aug	12-18	Register Here
Kids Mobility Day	Great Falls	MT	20 Aug	5-9	Register Here
Family Resilience Camp	Ferndale	MT	28-30 Aug	5-18	Register Here

For more information, contact Sara Cease, 406-324-3925, sara.l.cease.ctr@mail.mil

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WASHINGTON/OREGON

Name of Event	City	State	Dates	Age Group	POC/Website
Glacier Peak Wilderness Adventure	Olympic Rain Forest	WA	24-28 Aug	14-18	http://ext100.wsu.edu/mtac/
Cutty Sark Sailing Adventure	Whidbey Island	WA	11-13 Sept	14-18	http://ext100.wsu.edu/mtac/
Cutty Sark Sailing Adventure	Whidbey Island	WA	25-27 Sept	14-18	http://ext100.wsu.edu/mtac/
Winter Survival Adventure	Leavenworth	WA	22-24 Jan 2016	14-18	http://ext100.wsu.edu/mtac/
Winter Survival Adventure	Leavenworth	WA	19-21 Feb 2016	14-18	http://ext100.wsu.edu/mtac/
Winter Survival Adventure	Leavenworth	WA	11-13 Mar 2016	14-18	http://ext100.wsu.edu/mtac/
Deschutes River Rafting Adventure	Mecca	OR	28 Mar-1 Apr 2016	14-18	http://ext100.wsu.edu/mtac/

For more information about WSU Extension 4-H Military Teen Adventure Camps:
Kevin Powers, 509 667-6540, kcpowers@wsu.edu

All adventures require a \$30 registration fee

Click [here](#) for video of past adventures!

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Resources and Web Links

For Deployed, AGR, Wounded, Ill, Injured or Fallen Soldiers



Army Fee Assistance is provided by General Services Administration (GSA,) working with those who serve in the military find and afford child care that suits their unique needs. Through the fee assistance program, Families are eligible to receive monthly fee assistance to help offset the cost of child care in their communities. For more information visit, http://financeweb.gsa.gov/childcare_portal.

Army Respite Care The Army Respite Child Care will provide the Family between 8 to 16 hours of hourly child care each month for each of the eligible children. Parents can use this time to run errands, attend appointments, or just take some well-deserved time out for themselves. The Army recognizes the challenges and extraordinary stress the parents and their Families may be experiencing, and wants to help support them in meeting their unique child care needs. Eligibility: Deployed; Temporary Change of Station; Unaccompanied Permanent Change of Station; Temporary Duty; Wounded, Ill or Injured Status; Survivors of Fallen Warriors.



Our Military Kids provides grants for K-12 youth dependents of overseas deployed National Guard and Reserve personnel or severely injured Service Members . Visit www.ourmilitarykids.org/

For Various Duty Statuses



Army Reserve Family Programs provides programs, training, services, resources, youth programming and camping opportunities to Army Reserve Families. Visit www.arfp.org/



Military OneSource provides an online library, web resources, and non-medical counseling to Military Families. Visit: www.militaryonesource.mil/



Military Kids Connect (MKC) is an online community of military children (ages 6-17 yr. olds) that provides access to age-appropriate resources to support children from pre-deployment, through a parent's or caregiver's return. Visit: <http://militarykidsconnect.t2.health.mil>



Zero to Three has information and resources for parents of infants and toddlers. A new phone app, Babies on the HomeFront, provides Military and veteran parents with strategies for enhancing everyday moments with their child. Visit: <http://zerotothree.org/>



Military Child Education Coalition Military (MCEC) is a non-profit organization focusing on academic and school-related needs of military-connected youth. Visit: www.militarychild.org



National Military Family Association has programs that provide Military Families with camps, family retreats, and healing adventures during deployment, reintegration, and coming together after an injury. Visit <http://www.militaryfamily.org/>



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Contact **Ms. Ramirez** for assistance with:

- Family Support Services
- Family Programs Training
- Family Readiness



School Services Specialist (SSS)

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Contact **Ms. Brannan** for assistance with:

- Command/Unit Support
- Educational Events and Activities
- Scholarship Information
- College Prep
- Academic /Tutoring Resources
- School Support Services



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Contact **Ms. Rajabari** for assistance with:

- Command/Unit Support
- Weekend Events and Activities
- Child Care Resources
- Youth Programming
- Teen Council

Stay connected with the 364th ESC



If you are not part of the 364th ESC or you live in a state other than Washington or Oregon, contact one of the CYSS Staff members above and we will connect you with CYSS for your area.



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