



Guard en of Youth



New York National Guard Youth Program

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"He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it." Happy Fathers Day to all Dads!!!



FREE SUMMER CAMP FOR ALL MILITARY YOUTH!!!

The *Operation Purple* Experience

Many children are experiencing multiple deployments or have more than one parent or family member deployed. The stories from those who attended *Operation Purple* summer camps offer a glimpse of the heavy emotional and psychological burden that falls on the sons and daughters of those who fight America's wars. The goal of these free summer camps is to bring together youth who are experiencing some stage of a deployment and the stress that goes along with it. *Operation Purple* camps give kids the coping skills and support networks of peers to better handle life's ups and downs.

Pine Bush - Camp Deer Run

July 1-14 Ages 13-15

July 16-22 Ages 10-12



**ALL APPLICANTS MUST GO ONLINE TO REGISTER FOR
CAMP!!!**

www.operationpurple.com

Camp Info:
Camp Deer Run
450 Walker Valley Road
Pine Bush, NY 12566
Tel: 845-733-5494 - Fax: 845-7335471
<http://www.campdeerrun.org>

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!!!!!!!!!

Galaxy Purple Camp

August 6-9 8am to 4pm
***Registration forms will be
available June 1st***

The 109th Airlift Wing will be hosting a day camp for military children ages 8 (must be 8 by August 1st) to 13 on August 6th through 9th. Military children from all branches of service are invited to attend. There are only 60 slots available and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. This camp is designed to provide military children with an understanding of military careers and activities and how we serve our local communities. There will be opportunities for children to learn ways to cope with stresses that are associated with military families and deployments. This will all be done in a fun, hands on learning environment.

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 questions or registration please contact:

Joanna Pritchard - 109th AW

Office: (518) 344-2357

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

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
Camp DeBaun
Camp Tioga Sleepaway Camp
Crestwood Country Day Camp
Driftwood Day Camp
Hampton Day CampDay
Ivy League Day Camp
Kenwal Day Camp
Mark County Day Camp
Merrick Woods Country Day Camp
North Shore Day Camp
Twin Oaks Day Camp
West Hills Day Camp



4H Camps in New York

	<u>Camp Name</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Contact Job Title</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Address1</u>	<u>Address2</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	
1	Hidden Valley 4-H Camp	Cyndi Regan	Camp Coordinator, Camp Educator	(607) 535-7141	Rural Urban Center	208 Broadway	Mexico	NY	14865	
2	Dorothy P. Flint Nassau County 4-H Camp	Kathy Rau/Scott Hilary	Camp Educators	(516) 292-7990	40 Main Street - Lower Level		Hempstead	NY	11550	Website
3	Camp Bristol Hills	Mary Gleason	Camp Director	(716) 394-3977	Camp Bristol Hills		Canandaigua	NY	14424 1099	
4	August Adventures	Jerome Christie	4-H Resource Educator	(845) 344-1234	Community Campus	1 Ashley Ave.	Middletown	NY	10940	Website
5	4-H Camp Wyomoco	Tim David	Camp Director	(585) 786-2251	401 North Main Street		Warsaw	NY	14569	Website
6	4-H Camp Wabasso	Kathy Bellinger	Camp Director	(315) 778-8450	15 Empsall Plaza	223 J.B. Wise Place	Watertown	NY	13601 2597	
7	4-H Camp Shankitunk	Jim Rice	Camp Educator	(607) 865-6531	PO Box 184, NYS Route 10		Hamden	NY	13782	Website
8	4-H Camp Sacandaga	Christine Weber Magini, Linda Wegner & Laurel Gailor	Camp Educators	(518) 853-3471	P.O. Box 1500		Fonda	NY	12068	Website
9	4-H Camp Owahta	Todd James	Camp Director	(607) 753-5077	60 Central Ave.		Cortland	NY	13045 5590	
10	4-H Camp Overlook	James Tuggey	Camp Director	(518) 483-7403	63 West Main St		Malone	NY	12953 1817	

Summer camp experiences offer memories that truly last a lifetime. It is an experience that all youth should have the opportunity to have while growing up. Why not think 4-H camp when looking to offer your son or daughter this valuable summer experience. 4-H camp is an extension of their 4-H experience while back in their communities during the rest of the year.

For dates, costs and program details, please call each camp listed above.

Kids and Camp

Recent research with over 5,000 families from 80 camps found that campers experienced significant growth in 10 development areas, including values and decision making, leadership, friendship skills, and self-esteem. (www.ACAcamps.org)

According to the American Camp Association, there are more than 7,000 overnight and 5,000 day camps in the United States. Those numbers represent a lot of opportunities. So, how can a family decide if camp is right for their children? And once that decision is made, what's the best way to pick a camp, especially if there are many options available? The information below can help you think about whether camp is right for your children and, if so, how to make the most of the experience.

For parents with children ages birth to 5

*Rarely will children this young be ready for camp. However, if your child expresses interest and has experience in child-care or other away-from-home situations, look for mini-camps that specialize in activities for young children.

*Choose a camp that provides of good mix of activities, rather than specializing in one area.

*Consider a "family" or intergenerational camp that you can attend with your children.

For parents with children ages 6 - 9

*Seriously consider your children's unique personalities and whether you think they are ready for camp.

*Identify some possibilities and then let your children take the lead in finding camps that match their interests and abilities.

*Look for camps that engage older children and teens as junior counselors. This will provide your children with positive role models, as well as something to strive for in the future.

*Consider creating an "at-home" camp experience by inviting some neighborhood children to sleep out together in a tent with a couple of adults, or engaging several teenagers in putting together a short "day camp."

KIDS AND CAMPS CONTINUED...

For parents with children ages 10 - 15

*Help your children think about why they want to go to camp and what they want to get out of it. Then work with them to identify options and make their choices.

*If your children really don't want to go to camp, then don't push the issue. Instead, look at alternatives such as youth development programs that are close to home and match your children's interests.

*Camp relationships are unique because young people are away from their families and most of their social circle. They are also spending much more time than usual with peers. Before they leave for camp, talk with your children about dating and friendships. For ideas about addressing these issues, visit MVParents.com, click on "Parenting Matters," and view the section on "Friends."

For parents with children ages 16 - 18

*Encourage experienced campers to consider junior counselor or other leadership opportunities.

*Talk with your teenagers about your expectations for their behavior at camp, including boundaries about alcohol and other drug use, dating and sexuality, and communication with you. Make sure they know, are prepared to abide by, and agree to the camp's rules and procedures.

*Give your teen complete responsibility for camp preparation, including saving money to share in some of the expenses and asking for help if they need it.

KidsCamps.com is the Internet's most comprehensive summer camp resource guide and online camp directory of [summer camps](#), [day camps](#), [overnight camps](#), special needs camps, [sport camps](#), [sailing camps](#), special interest camps, [art camps](#), [music camps](#), [teen tours](#), [adventure camps](#), [holiday camps](#), [religious camps](#), [basketball camps](#), [volleyball camps](#), [football camps](#), [soccer camps](#), [baseball camps](#), [family camps](#), [camps for rent/lease](#), and more! Locate summer camps in all [50 United States](#) and [Canada](#), [Europe](#), [South America](#), [Australia](#), [The Caribbean](#), Asia and all over the world! Let [CampersMall.com](#) help you outfit your summer camper! Looking for a [summer job](#)? Visit [CampJobs.com](#), the online source for [summer staff](#) opportunities. [KidsCamps.com](#) is a Business Partner of the American Camping Association.

Please Visit www.KidsCamps.com for complete listing of Camps in New York.



GIVE YOUR KIDS THE GIFT OF SUMMER IN THE COUNTRY!

THE FRESH AIR FUND is providing free summer experiences to New York City children from a Military family. The Fund is currently registering girls and boys ages 6 to 12 for its Friendly Town and Camping programs. On a Fresh Air Fund vacation, a child will see a world outside New York City, full of meadows, streams and lakes. Children often make friends that last forever.

FRIENDLY TOWN

In 2007, close to 5,000 children will visit volunteer host families in suburbs and small town communities across 13 states from Virginia to Maine and Canada through The Fund's Friendly Town program. Wherever children go, they may learn new skills like riding a bike, swimming or gardening. Over 65 percent of all children are reinvited to stay with host families, year after year. First time visitors are boys and girls, ages 6 to 12.

CAMPING

Each summer, thousands of children attend 4 Fresh Air sleep-away camps on a 2,300-acre site in Fishkill, New York. Special features shared by all camps include a planetarium, model farm, wilderness trail and ropes course.

Camp Hidden Valley is for boys and girls with and without special needs, eight to 12 years old

Camp Tommy is for 12- to 15-year-old boys

Camp Anita Bliss Coler is for girls, nine to 12-years old

Camp Hayden-Marks Memorial is for nine- to 12-year-old boys

Visit us a www.freshair.org

Registration begins on May 29th. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4:00pm - 7:30pm

Saturdays: 11am - 3pm

ARTS FOR VETS

The Orange County Arts Council wants to work with veterans and their families. The newly formed Orange County Arts Council, with the backing of the Orange County Executive and the Legislature, is offering a wide range of ongoing arts-related activities for military families in Orange County. "Arts for Vets" reaches beyond the stereotype of what art is, and reaches the artist in everyone. The project starts this summer, with the kickoff event held at the Orange County Veterans Picnic on June 2.

The Orange County Veterans Picnic is an annual event sponsored by the coalition of the 27 veterans groups in Orange County. It is held at Thomas Bull Park on Rt 416 in Montgomery at the Day Camp Pavilions from 12 noon to 4pm on Saturday, June 2. All are invited. Blacksmith Norm Paulson of Florida is bringing his portable forge to demonstrate various metalworking techniques. The Mid-Hudson Wood Carvers will demonstrate techniques of carving wood. The Wallkill River School will offer an introductory lesson in painting. Everyone is invited to help make a mural or poster which will be sent to Orange County service people on active duty.

"Arts for Vets" continues after the picnic and we're looking for veterans and their families to get involved in the project activities. Orange County artists are scheduled throughout the summer to present workshops and demonstrations on a wide range of topics, from stone, metal and woodworking to the more traditional studio arts of painting, pottery, photography and carving. There is no charge for workshops for veterans and families.

**For more specific information on the workshops or to volunteer to work on this project, contact Megan Cooke at 845-469-8111
artsforvets@hotmail.com**



**PICNIC FOR ORANGE COUNTY
VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES**

JUNE 2, 2007

**THOMAS BULL
MEMORIAL PARK,
Route 416, Montgomery, NY
12-4PM**

**JOIN US FOR
FOOD – MUSIC AND FUN**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL:**

**ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS
SERVICE AGENCY
845-291-2470**

Keeping Every Youth Safe (K.E.Y.S.)

If your teen is getting ready to drive, or is already driving, you can help to protect your teen's safety by participating in the K.E.Y.S. (Keeping Every Youth Safe) program. It was developed to help families communicate the importance of safe-driving behaviors with their teenage drivers. It is designed to provide parents of teens, ages 15 through 18, with a series of age-appropriate information to encourage safe-driving habits. Research has shown that parents have a big influence on their children's driving behavior. These materials are presented in a format for parents and teens to complete activities together.

Select the appropriate age below to access the information and activities associated with each age level. You may order these publications and the **On The Road** DVD at no charge.

Age 15: Behind The Wheel : <http://www.usaaedfoundation.org/pdf/565.pdf>
A Practice Driving Guide For Teens And Parents

Designed to help you foster the development of your teen's driving skills — from the most basic skills, to those needed to handle progressively more challenging driving conditions. Behind The Wheel is divided into eight practice driving scenarios. Let these scenarios be your roadmap as you guide your young driver toward independent and responsible driving. You can spend as much or as little time on each scenario as you feel necessary for your teen to master the skills. A driving log is included for your convenience.

Age 16: Parent And Teen Safe Driving Agreement : www.usaaedfoundation.org/pdf/566.pdf

Designed to help you foster continued development of your teen's driving skills and to communicate driving privileges. The Agreement can be used to encourage discussion with your teen on the importance of safe driving habits. You and your teenager may modify the provisions to fit your particular needs. It is very important that you both agree to the provisions for it to be successful. Then, keep the final agreement close at hand to review when questions arise.

Age 17: On The Road — Video : http://www.usaaedfoundation.org/KEYS_age17.asp
A Program For Teens And Their Parents

Driver distractions contribute to more than half of all teen crashes because they disrupt a driver's concentration and shorten reaction time. Teen driving distractions include talking with other passengers, changing radio stations or CDs, eating or drinking, and using cell phones while driving. Please take time to view this presentation with your young driver. Managing driver distractions is an important step in developing good driving habits. You may view this presentation or order the DVD from The USAA Educational Foundation.

Age 18: Cost Of Driving : <http://www.usaaedfoundation.org/pdf/568.pdf>
From Insurance To Maintenance Expenses

Provides you and your teen with useful information to help reduce the cost of driving. The Cost Of Driving brochure explains driving costs that every teen should consider and will help your teen understand how important maintaining a good driving record is to minimizing the costs of driving.

Take Our Interactive Driving Challenge

On The Road - our interactive driving challenge. Get into the driver's seat and see how you will react to common driving distractions. Then see how you did against your peers.

Start here: [Take A Drive In Cityville:](http://www.usaaedfoundation.org/courseFiles/default.htm)
<http://www.usaaedfoundation.org/courseFiles/default.htm>

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2007 GRADUATES!!!

Getting ready for College?

**Check out this site for a great listing of Scholarships
and Education Information!!!**

AUSA Family Programs website at:
<http://www.ausa.org/family> under Resources

Links of the Month

Shades of Fun:

www.shadesoffun.com

The Sneaky Kitchen:

www.sneakykitchen.com/Categories/salad.htm

Internet Safety:

http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/missing/i_safety/i_intro.htm

Mother Earth News-saving our planet:

<http://www.motheearthnews.com>

Cybersleuth Kids:

www.cybersleuth-kids.com

Operation Military Kids: See our summer plans in NY:

www.operationmilitarykids.org

FREE SUMMER CAMPS

BIVOUAC ADVENTURES

*Adventures for students who live
the Military Adventure*

Bivouac Adventures are backcountry camping experiences for students of Military Families. These trips are designed for fun as well as for challenge, for relaxing as well as for engaging. On a Bivouac Adventure, you'll learn new skills, both for playing in the outdoors and for playing the game of life. We'll explore adventures that only military families connect to.

**CAMP DATES:
July 9-13**

Adirondack Canoe Trip

**July 23-27
Adirondack Backpacking
Trip**

The Trip Cost: \$175.00 But there is **FULL FREE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!!!**

SIGN UP TODAY!!!!

And Contact us at:

293 Troy-Schenectady Road
Latham, NY 12110

Phone: 518-783-5332

Email: info@shilohsedge.org



FREE SUMMER CAMP

CAMP TRANQUILLITY "A Children's Camp With a Heart"

Tranquillity Camp would like to offer **FREE** scholarships for the summer of 2007 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.

**2 Week Free Session for Military
Kids: August 8th-22nd**

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
518-634-7650

Email: campty@msn.com

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



OUR MILITARY KIDS

Although the government makes significant resources available to children of active duty military personnel at military installations, these resources are often inaccessible for children of deployed and severely injured Reserve and National Guard personnel. Our Military Kids, Inc. is working hard to close this unfortunate gap—to make certain that all children of military families get the support they urgently need while coping with the absence of a parent who is away serving our country or recovering from severe injury.

The **Our Military Kids Grant Program** provides grant money for children of deployed and severely injured Reserve and National Guard to participate in youth sports, fine arts and tutor programs.

The program is available to all school-aged children, K thru 12, of deployed and severely injured National Guard and Reserve military.

For more information on the program visit:

www.ourmilitarykids.org
or call 703-734-6654



FT. DRUM

FAMILY DAY **At Remington Park** **June 25th 2007**

Scheduled Events

Fun Run
Food and Beverage Sale
Children's Play Area
Music
Raft Races
Tug of War
Bike Races
Bed Races
Award Ceremony

For more information call:
315-772-6622

Summer **Adventures and Fun**

The popular High Adventure Club at Youth Services offers teens the opportunity to plan exciting trips and events that they are most interested in. Camping trips, kayaking and hiking trips, and Archery are just a few of the fun things already planned for this summer. Join the High Adventure Club and join in on the fun.

Call 315-772-6719 for more information.

High School Block Party

June 30, 7 - 11 pm
Join us for some dancing in the streets, this party it's going to have it all, food, sports music, dancing and much more.
Admission is \$3 for military and \$5 for non-military.

WEST POINT

Hi all! I am so excited to announce our summer plans for the Waiting Families Support Group! We have an action packed summer and I am really looking forward to kicking it off! Remember that those family members of Soldier's who have returned recently or are leaving soon are welcome to participate, we support all phases of the deployment process :-)

***Saturday, June 16th: Summer Is Finally Here Party!!!! Starting at 1100 am, come and enjoy fun, sun and pizza with the Waiting Families Support Group at Delefield Pond! We will serve lunch at 1200 and have a sitting area reserved for the group! Please RSVP to me so I can pre-pay our group admission! This is going to be FUN :-):-):-:-)

***Saturday, July 7th: Summer is Still Here Party!!! Starting at 1100 am, come and enjoy fun, sun and pizza with the Waiting Families Support Group at Delefield Pond (again!!!) We will serve lunch (pizza) at 1200 and have a sitting area reserved for the group! Please RSVP to me so I can pre-pay our group admission!

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FT. HAMILTON

Parent/Toddler **Playgroup**

Meets Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - noon at the post chapel. The Family Advocacy Program presents playtime group meetings for parents/caregivers and their preschool age children. A fun time to bond together in a safe and friendly environment. For more information contact Vincent DiMaira, ACS FAP/EFMP Manager, at 718 630-4460.

Waiting Families **Support Group** **Meetings**

Every third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting May 16 6-8 p.m. at ACS, Building 405. Denise Chappell for info 718 630-4462

Exceptional Family **Member Program**

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory program designed to meet the needs of family members with physical, emotional, developmental or learning difficulties that requires special medical treatment, therapy, or education. To enroll your family member in the EFMP, please contact Brenda Shea at the Ainsworth Clinic at 718-630-4417. For all questions concerning the EFMP, please contact the EFMP Manager, Vincent DiMaira, at ACS 718-630-4460..

A DAD

A Dad is a person who is loving and kind, And often he knows what you have on your mind.

He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends. A dad can be one of your very best friends! He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong, A dad can be patient and helpful and strong

In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part. There's always a place for him deep in your heart. And each year that passes, you're even more glad, More grateful and proud just to call him your dad! Thank you, Dad... for listening and caring, for giving and sharing, but, especially, for just being you!

Happy Father's Day.

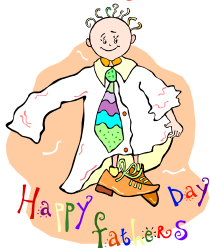
Submitted by:

Chelsea Bailey AGE 11

Creative Placemats

Have your child draw a picture, color a design, or write a poem to dad on a heavy piece of 8 1/2" x 11" cardboard. Place the finished product between two sheets of clear contact paper. Use the placemat to serve dad his next meal, maybe Father's Day breakfast in bed.

Submitted by: Kendra



Summer Tickets on Sale Now

Six Flags Great Adventure; Jackson, NJ (children under 3 Free)
Three Park Season Pass.....\$110.00

Theme, Hurricane Harbor, Safari
Two Park Season Pass.....\$83.00

Theme and safari Park
Theme Park.....\$26.00
(same price all season)

Hurricane Harbor.....\$23.00
Parking (save \$4.00).....\$11.00
Meal Ticket.....\$10.00

Dorney Park; Allentown, PA
(children under 3 Free)
Regular Park
Admission.....\$28.00
Child.....15.95

Mountain Creek; Vernon, NJ
(children under 3 Free)
Park Admission
(all ages).....\$22.00

Dutch Wonderland; Hershey, PA
(children under 2 Free)
Park Admission
(all ages).....\$25.00

You can purchase your tickets at MWR or order them over the phone using your credit card!

And check out our website for your next vacation!

<http://uscgsectorny.mwrvtl.com>

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718-354-4407



Anheuser-Busch is doing it again this year!!!

Complimentary admission for active duty military representing all five service branches, active members of a reserve or National Guard unit, and/or up to three direct dependants.

Valid for one complimentary single-day admission per person, per year, to one of the following Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks:
* SeaWorld Orlando, San Diego, or San Antonio
* Busch Gardens Tampa Bay or Williamsburg
* Sesame Place
* Water Country USA
* Adventure Island

Offer valid between 1/1/2007 and 12/31/2007. Operating days and hours vary by park. Please check with specific park for current operating schedule.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION, PLEASE
VISIT:**

http://commerce.4adventure.com/store/os_application.asp



Big Brother & Big Sister Of NYC

As Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC celebrates over 100 years of mentoring, we are proud to announce a partnership with the New York National Guard Youth Program, specifically focused on NYC children of deployed service members. We invite children of deployed service members who may need support while their parent is away from home as well as those children who have lost a family member in the line of duty, to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister.

A Big Brother or Big Sister is a special friend whose influence on a child's development can be powerful. In the relationship the adult serves to guide and lend a helping hand to a child. The match meets every other week to have fun and engage in activities all over the city.

TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD OR VOLUNTEER :

Call Lilli Golberg, LMSW at 212-994-7743 or email her at Lgoldberg@bigsnyc.org

Big Brother & Big Sister of the Capital Region

Serving 4 counties

**1492 Central Ave
Albany NY 12205
518-862-1250
Ask for Jessica**

Little Moments, Big Magic



National Guard Child and Youth Program
Online registration

Join the National Guard Online Community! By registering as a member, you will gain access to a wide range of National Guard Child and Youth Program resources, information, and tools.

To Register go to:

www.guardfamilyyouth.org

Boys and Girls Club Of American

Boys and Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow- all having while having fun. They are truly the positive place for kids. Boys and Girls Clubs have existing after school, weekend and summer programs in many communities where Military Children live. Ages 7-18. To find a club near you visit: www.bgca.org/clubs or call 1-800-854-CLUB

YMCA

Camps, Child Care, exercise classes, aquatics, crafts and much more. If your service member is deployed, call to find out if your YMCA is giving a discounted rate.

www.ymca.net

From child care to older adult fitness, Youth in Government to camp and aquatics, Ys offer opportunities for individuals and families to grow in spirit, mind and body at every life stage.

New York National Guard Youth Program

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Family Readiness Assistant:

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stephanie.duell@us.army.mil

Call Toll Free:

1-877-715-7817

Hero Dad

You are my hero, Dad
You're my secure foundation.
When I think of you, I'm filled with love

And fond appreciation.
You make me feel protected;
I'm sheltered by your care.
You're always my true friend;
When I need you, you're always there.

You have a place of honor
Deep within my heart.
You've been my superhero, Dad,
Right from the very start.

From Joanna to her Dad Mark her Hero!!!

PROJECT PEN PAL
PERMISSION SLIP

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 or 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 and **Please print clearly. Thanks :)**

Child's Name _____
Age/Grade _____
Hobbies/Interests _____

Do you speak or write another language besides the English language?
Yes ___ **or No** ___
If so what Language do you speak or 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@ny.ngb.army.mil Or Call me at 914-788-7405