



2019 FIND THE "BOOTS" FOR YOU! Military Youth, Teen, and Family Events

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**Family Zoo Overnight Discovery Bay	Military families will participate in hands-on activities to build strong connections, resilience, and time to refresh relationships	Army National Guard Families, kids ages 5-18	Overnight Adventure	4-5 January	MN Zoo Apple Valley, MN	Behind the scenes tour, team-building games, and pizza party	Adults- \$49 Children- Free	60 People	Registration will open in October Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page for more info
Military Youth Ice Fishing Clinic	Come and explore what MN has to offer. Parents will spend the morning ice fishing with their children and receiving tips from experts.	Military Connected Youth-All Branches ages 5-18	10am-2pm	10-February	Big Marine Lake	Fishing, lunch, minnow races, fishing tutorials	Free	150 people	Registration will open in December Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page or http://mnbtyr.ng.mil/Pages/Youth-Events.aspx for more info
**Family Overnight Sea Life Aquarium	Military Families will sleep under the sea in the aquarium's tunnel. Throughout the night families will be given the opportunity to learn about resilience.	Army National Guard Families, kids ages 5-18	Overnight Adventure	22-23 February	Sea Life Aquarium Mall of America	Behind the scenes tour, chance to touch creatures, and pizza party	Adult- \$75 Children- Free	50 People	Registration will open in December Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page or http://mnbtyr.ng.mil/Pages/Youth-Events.aspx for more info
Teen Leadership Forum	Teens will be introduced to leadership and team Building activities during a weekend of learning, having fun, and being leaders.	MN Army National Guard Military Teens 6th-12th grade	Weekend Retreat	15-17 March	Camp Shamineau Motley, MN	Teens will participate in team-building activities, her speakers present on leadership, participate in a service project and more!	Free (\$300 value)	40 Youth	Registration will open in January Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page or http://mnbtyr.ng.mil/Pages/Youth-Events.aspx for more info
Month of the Military Child	April is month of the military child. All month long we plan events to celebrate and honor our military children, 0-18 years of age.	All Military Children, 0-18 years old	All Month	1-30 April	Minnesota Statewide	Purple Up! T-Shirts, MOMC Photo Contest and a variety of other things	Most activities are Free	Unlimited	Various Sign ups, to stay up to date on all the activities join our Constant Contact e-mail list by going to MN National Guard Youth Programs on Facebook and clicking on Join My List
Purple Up! @MOA	In honor of Month of the Military Child, Mall of America is hosting our 5th Annual Purple Up! Event. There are activities for youth of all ages and their families.	All Military Children and Families, 0-18 years old	12-10p.m.	12 April	Mall of America Bloomington, MN	Build-A-Bear Workshop, Nickelodeon character appearances, Nickelodeon Universe Wristbands and more!	Free: Thanks to Mall of America, Nickelodeon Universe, BTYR and other sponsors	350 Build-A- Bear 1500 Nickelodeon ride wrist bands Other activities require no pre-registration	Registration will open March 18th Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page or http://mnbtyr.ng.mil/Pages/Youth-Events.aspx for more info
Teen Summit	Teens come together as a "Military Family" each year at the Teen Summit hosted and planned by our Teen Panel. Teens will learn about leadership skills, money management, etiquette, and participate in a community service project .	MN Army National Guard Teens Ages 13-18	Weekend Retreat	14-16 June	Camp Omega Waterville, MN	Teens will participate in unique team-building activities, attend fun engaging leadership workshops, participate in service learning project, and go on an outing.	Free (\$300 value)	40 Youth	Registration will open in December Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page or http://mnbtyr.ng.mil/Pages/Youth-Events.aspx for more info
**Family Zoo Overnight Forest After Dark	Military families will participate in hands-on activities to build strong connections, resilience, and time to refresh relationships	Army National Guard Families, kids ages 5-18	Overnight Adventure	21-22 June	MN Zoo Apple Valley, MN	Behind the scenes tour, team-building games and pizza party	Adults-\$49 Children- Free	30 people- Limit 1 adult per family	Registration will open in April Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page or http://mnbtyr.ng.mil/Pages/Youth-Events.aspx for more info

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Elks Camp	Elks Camp host "Troops Week" which is a fully paid week of camp "Up North" on 300 acres of land and lakes. Lots of camping activities to do!	All Military Children 9-13 years old	Week-long Camp	July	Nisswa, MN	Archery, biking, kayaking, volleyball, camp fires, fishing, theater, golf, karaoke, climbing wall, and more	Free (\$700 Value)	30 Youth	http://www.mnelksyouthcamp.org	
National Guard Youth Camp	Youth ages 10-15 gather to spend seven days experiencing Camp Ripley and its surrounding.	Any youth, related to a Minnesota Guard member Ages 10-15	Week-long Camp	Week 1: 21 July - 27 July Week 2: 28 July -3 August	Camp Ripley, MN	This camp is not a "boot camp". Activities include, biking, archery, orienteering and night vision goggles.	\$100-\$150 depending on different variables	100 Youth per week	http://www.mngyc.org	
Back to School Bash	Join Building Healthy Military Communities (BHMC) for a statewide event. Families can have some fun, learn about their local community resources, and leave with supplies needed for school.	All branches Pre-K-College	One Day Event	17 August	5 YMCA Locations TBD	Free backpack, free school supplies per school list, depending on location other activities and goodies	Free	Unlimited	Registration will open in May on JSS Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page for more info	
**Family Zoo Overnight R.A.D Zoo	Military families will participate in hands-on activities to build strong connections, resilience, and time to refresh relationships	Army National Guard Families, kids ages 5-18	Overnight Adventure	27-28 September	Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo Owatonna, MN	Hunt the Good Stuff, behind the scenes tour, chance to touch creatures, and pizza party	Adult- \$35 Children-Free	40 People	Registration will open in July Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page or http://mnbtyr.ng.mil/Pages/Youth-Events.aspx for more info	
**Tween Overnight Sea Life Aquarium	Tweens will sleep under the sea in the aquarium's tunnel. Throughout the night tweens will be given the opportunity to develop friendships with other military connected tweens and learn about resilience.	MN Army National Guard Tweens Ages 9-12	Overnight Adventure	13-14 September	Sea Life Aquarium Mall of America	Tweens will go on behind the scenes tours, engage in resilience discussions, and meet other military connected tweens.	Free (\$75 value)	33 Youth	Registration will open in July Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page or http://mnbtyr.ng.mil/Pages/Youth-Events.aspx for more info	
Teen Panel	Join the Teen Panel! Be a voice for other Military-connected youth in MN. The Teen Panel supports youth and teens by providing them with the tools and resources to build leadership skills, improve wellness, resilience, and navigate the cycle of deployment.	MN Army National Guard Teens Ages 14-18	1 Year Term	7-9 Aug 2019 (Applications for new members due 3 July, 2019)	Minnesota	The goal of Teen Panel is to build resiliency through empowering teen participants in developing leadership skills, learning teamwork strategies, and giving back to the community.	Free (\$300 value)	12 Youth	Check out the MN Military Teen Panel Facebook for more information or email Laura Groeneweg at address below	
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**This event is open to youth with a parent currently serving in the MN National Guard, youth with parents serving in other branches or parents who are retired (within 2 years) will be placed on a waiting list and assigned spots if they open up.