

Virtual Bulletin Board

Description: This document is maintained as a service to everyone interested in hearing about what is going on for military youth, but can't make it up to Wellesley to look at our awesome bulletin board just outside our office! There are two parts to this document: Part I: Pages 1-2, containing on-going program information; Part II: Pages 4-14, with calendar breakdowns of events and deadlines. Please contact Debbie or Susan with any questions. We are happy to provide more detail. Suggestions are always welcome on how to improve this process.

Contests:

Tutor.com has weekly contests for a fun assortment of their gear. <http://www.tutor.com/heartmilitary>

Military OneSource "Create A Cover" design contest. Send a photo of the creative ways your children are earning money this summer with a short description. Winners will be MOS Fb cover photo Adults: Nominate your special Military Child, ages 8-18. Operation Homefront will take nominations from 01OCT13 - 14DEC13 at MilitaryChildoftheYear.org All entered will get certificates.

American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest. Grades 3-12 Deadline 01MAY <http://www.legion-aux.org/Programs/Americanism/>

American Legion Oratorical Contest. High School Students <http://www.legion.org/oratorical>

VFW Voice of Democracy Contest for grades 9-12. Deadline: 01NOV13 <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/>

MOS 1st Day of School Photo Contest. https://www.facebook.com/military.1source?v=app_192229990808929&app_data=gaReferrerOverride%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Ft.co%252FuPAwKvrduG

VFW Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest for grades 6-7-8. Deadline 01NOV13 <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Patriot-s-Pen/> Theme: What Patriotism Means to Me.

VFW Scout of the Year: Ages 15-18, must be Girl/Boy Scout Deadline 01MAR14 <http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFW.org/Community/Scout%20of%20the%20Year%20Application%20Packet.pdf>

MCEC Call for the Arts (writing and visual arts contest) Deadline January 31, 2014 <http://www.militarychild.org/parents-and-students/programs/the-call-for-the-arts>

AAFES Halloween Contest through October 31, 2013 <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/patriotfamily/>

2014 Military Child of the Year® Award for a legal military dependent between the ages of 8 and 18. <http://www.militarychildoftheyear.org/Nominee/Nomination> Nominate by December 14, 2013.

Military One Source Halloween Photo Contest: https://www.facebook.com/military.1source?v=app_158086484245654&app_data=gaReferrerOverride%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Ft.co%252FXr6uFfaSOM

Scholarships/Grants/Internships:

Operation Tribute. Holiday gift for military children living in NE, NY and NJ (all branches) ages newborn to age 16. Request between 01 Sep and 01 Nov <http://operationtribute.com/registration/>

HS Juniors: Check out this great opportunity to learn more about how government works through the American Legion: <http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org/> Deadlines vary but generally in April.

Military Extension Internship Program www.ydae.purdue.edu/military

Operation Military Kids Grants are pending availability. Contact Debbie or Susan for an application or more information.

Our Military Kids—Grants! (See website for eligibility.) <http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/>

College: Veterans United Foundation Scholarship for service members, spouses, and military children. www.enhancelives.com/scholarships spring and fall deadlines 2013

American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Aware for Military Dependent Children <http://www.homefrontamerica.org/oohrahome.htm>

List of Organizations for spouse scholarships <http://www.militaryfamily.org/get-info/spouse-education/financial-assistance/organizations-offer-scholarships.html>

College Planning Center of Rhode Island's RI Scholarship Search (to find LOCAL scholarships) <https://www.rischolarships.org/>

Free SAT, ACT prep kits available for National Guard Children and relatives of National Guard (plus \$17.55 per program for materials and shipping) to order online: www.eknowledge.com/USNG

BGCA of Greater Westfield provides EVERY Military Child a FREE club membership and a \$100 certificate toward any of their programs. (Jennifer.cesaitis@ang.af.mil or 413-568-9151 x 698 1183)

Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) is offering seminars across MA starting March 26. Visit www.mefa.org for more information. <http://www.mefa.org/findaseminar.aspx>

More Info and Additional Scholarships: <http://www.militarychild.org/parents-and-students/scholarships>

Select bowling centers and schools around the country are participating in the first ever Kids Bowl Free program. 2 free games per day, all summer long. <http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/>

Harvard offers free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year. Harvard's financial aid website: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/>, financial aid office (617) 495-1581.

NG Education Contact: Mr. Christopher D. Rush, M. Ed. Education Services Specialist/Test Control Officer 508-968-5889 Cell: 774-278-8721 FAX: 508-968-5906 christopher.d.rush1.mil@mail.mil

Camps/Conferences/Trips:

Project New Hope offers free retreats. For details, visit <http://www.projectnewhopema.org/>

Military Teen Adventure Camps 2013-2014 for details, visit http://www.extension.purdue.edu/Adventure_camps/campsloc.html

January 3–6, 2014, Snowshoe Mountain Ski and Snow Adventure, Ages: 14–18, <http://www.ca.uky.edu/hes/fcs/militarycamp/> Byron Marlowe (859) 873–3271, Byron@lifeadventurecenter.org

January 3–6, 2014 (Military youth with physical disabilities) White Mountain Winter Adventure Camps for Military Teens, Ages: 14–18 http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4H_OMK/4H_OMK.htm

January 11–13, 2014 (Military youth with cognitive disabilities), White Mountain Winter Adventure Camps for Military Teens, Ages: 14–18, http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4H_OMK/4H_OMK.htm

February 7–10, 2014, Green Mountain Adaptive Adventure Family Camp, 14–18, www.uvm.edu/extension/teenleadership Lauren Traister (802) 888–4972 x 402 or (866) 260–5561

Ongoing Programs/Discounts:

Anheuser Busch - throughout 2013, free one time admission to Anheuser Busch Parks for military personnel and as many as three direct dependents <http://www.herosalute.com/>

Armed Services YMCA - free memberships during deployment

Child Care Aware: Helps you locate quality daycare. <http://childcareaware.org/>

Give Army Parents a Break—Free childcare. <http://www.naccrra.org/military-families/army/give-army-parents-a-break>

Military Kids Connect—Resources and peer sharing, Parents: <https://www.militarykidsconnect.org/parents>, Youth: <https://www.militarykidsconnect.org/>

NACCRRRA Military Fee Assistance Program - Child Care Fee Assistance Program for Deployed, AGR, and Technicians <http://childcareaware.org/> (AGR & Civilian Technicians)

Pay It Forward Parenting Program – a free training program. www.positiveparentingsolutions.com/giving-back

Project Pen Pal: For Military School-age children. Connect with military youth from all over the world and develop your letter-writing skills!

Sitter City: Helps you find a babysitter. As a military family, you have FREE access to Sitter city. www.sittercity.com/dod

Tutor.com: FREE Online Tutoring. <http://www.tutor.com/military>

Newport Navy Base MWR: <http://www.discovermwr.com/navalstationnewport/> Check for activities and discounts!

United Through Reading (UTR) facilitates video recorded book readings from soon to be deployed (up to a year out) and currently deployed airmen and soldiers. (www.unitedthroughreading.org)

Community-based Child Care for Military Families; <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/monthly-focus?content_id=267337http://www.militaryonesource.mil/monthly-focus?content_id=267337>

Military Child Care Programs <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/monthly-focus?content_id=267339>

New Resilience Mobile App for Military & Veteran Families. Download is free app for iPhone and iPad. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/focus-on-the-go!/id624713445?ls=1&mt=8>

To see what Hanscom has to offer, check <http://www.hanscomservices.com/AirmanAndFamilyReadinessCenter.asp>

2013 Free National Park Passes for Military. www.nps.gov

2013 Six Flags Daily Passes - \$33 Season Passes - \$55.99 Call Outdoor Recreation at 413-557-2191

Old Sturbridge Village. Military Discounts for active military and their families including others in the party. Also, retired and veteran military at the Visitor Center only. <http://www.osv.org/discounts>

Military Discount @ Disney 29SEP13-27SEP14 <http://www.militarydisneytips.com/Disney-Armed-Forces-Salute.html>

MA National Guard Audio Library www.NGB.3LeafGroup.com. Call 877—238—8350 or e-mail info@3leafgroup.com for further information.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) - fed funded nutrition. FREE meals to children under age 18 when school is not in session. <http://meals4kids.org>

Cape Cod MWR's "Rec Dec Newsletter" http://www.mwrcapecod.com/forms/rec_dec.pdf

King Richard's Faire tickets for Military adults are \$20 each from JBCC MWR (A savings of \$8!) October 19 & 20, 2013 508-968-6447.

Free online 6 session parenting course for Service Members and Veterans. www.veteranparenting.org

Active and Retired Military IDs get you free access to Sam's Club during the partial government shutdown to make up for the commissary closings. Call your local Sam's for details.

99 Restaurants Kids Eat Free Every Sunday in October for children age 10 and under. Some restrictions. Open to the public.

NOTE: When looking for things to do, don't forget to check out local and state resources. Many opportunities are free or have military discounts available. Check out places like libraries, chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus, historical societies, parent clubs, school organizations, local/state/national parks, community/youth organizations, and houses of worship. Also, look for current information on our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Youth-Program-Massachusetts-National-Guard/121992257851679>) and twitter feed (https://twitter.com/MA_NG_Youth.)

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<p>Operation Tribute offers a holiday gift for military children living in New England, NY and NJ (all branches) between the ages of newborn and age 16. Request between 01 Sep and 01 Nov http://operationtribute.com/registration/</p>		<p>11:00-11:30 AM Head of the Class: How Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families Can Help! http://cts.vresp.com/c/?Tutor.com/a634dcecd7/b98c56d65a/8f602506f2</p>		<p>Workshop: Building Your Child's Self Esteem 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. @ Hanscom Airman & Family Readiness Center</p>		<p>- OMK Rock Climbing, Everett, 781.891.0650 x 30 - Canal Run capecod4thtroops@comcast.net or call 774-216-9052</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>Military Kids Club @ Westfield Sat & Sun Jennifer.Cesaitis@ang.af.mil</p>			<p>Military Specials are available for the Ringling Brothers Circus in Worcester (508) 929-0125</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ringling Brothers Circus Continues 508.929.0125 • Barnes Support Meeting 	<p>Last day for circus special Military prices! 508.929.0125</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Teen Council Meeting! • Home Base Boat Ride
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>Military Appreciation Apple Hill Farm Concord, NH Noon - 4 pm</p>			<p>Dept of Veterans' Services/Families First Parenting Class for Vets Part I of IV. 7- 9 pm, Haverhill. Free!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Dinner, Burlington 5-9 pm RSVP Andrea, 781-687-2031 • Teen Focus Group Teleconference MassNGYouth@aol.com • Food, Facts, & Fun JBCC 		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			<p>Dept of Veterans' Services/Families First Parenting Class for Vets Part II of IV. 7- 9 p.m., Haverhill. Free!</p>	<p>Registration Deadline for OMK Discovery Museum Event</p>	<p>104th FRG Halloween Party @ Westfield BGC 6 - 8 pm.</p>	<p>-UMass Air Guard Day @ Gillette. Military \$10. 413-577-2370 -OMK Rock Climbing, Everett, 781.891.0650 x30 -Haunted Barn 508-375-6695</p>
27	28	29	30	31	<h1>October</h1>	
				<p>Trunk or Treat, Crosswinds @ JBCC 4:00 - 6:00 pm</p>		

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<h1>November 2013</h1>				Military Family Appreciation Month!	1 Deadline for Operation Tribute. Free holiday gift for military children http://operationtribute.com/registration/	2 Discovery Museum with OMK paulab@umext.umass.edu
3 Military Kids Club @ Westfield Saturday & Sunday Jennifer.Cesaitis@ang.af.mil	4	5	6 Dept of Veterans' Services/Families First Free Parenting Class for Veterans Part III of IV. 7- 9 p.m., Haverhill	7	8	9 Providence Water Fire Salute to Veterans http://waterfiresalutetoveterans.org/
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