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Month of the Military Child was a SUCCESS!!

Month of the Military Child was a Huge Success!!! We started off the month promoting military awareness at the Department of Education building in downtown Sacramento. We ended the month with a fantastic turn out at our First Annual Military Children's Appreciation Ball in two locations Fresno and Sacramento. The kids truly enjoyed themselves. A HUGE Thank you to all the Volunteers who made this event possible, without you this event would have NOT been possible. Katie Ferguson, CPT Britton, SGT Lopez, SGT Russell, SGT Nolan, Stephanie Abercrombie, Judy and Josslyn Shannon, Melanie Nydegger, Blue Star Moms, Autumn and Mike Decosta, and of course our Teen Council

—Jerica Lovett, Child and Youth Program Coordinator



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Youth Program”



Northern—Program Lead Jerica Lovett

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I wanted to take a moment to talk about our First ever CNG Child and Youth “Adventure’s in Leadership” Camp. We have been so fortunate to have several partners who are ready and able to support us. This Adventure camp is geared towards Teens Ages 14-18. We will be focusing on team building and leadership skills, as well as community service. We will accomplish this goal through some of the awesome equipment at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA such include a High

Ropes Course, a Leadership Reaction Course, and a Rock Climbing Wall. The Camp will also include opportunities to learn leadership skills through Friday Night Lives' amazing curriculum. These teens will get the chance to break into Regions and focus on a Community goal that they will plan and execute.

For registration click on the link below.

<http://adventuresinleadership.eventbrite.com/>

For more information contact

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Central– Melanie Diaz

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The Central Valley Military Children’s Appreciation Ball was definitely a night to remember. The evening was kicked off with guest speaker Chaplain Funk engaging the crowd with laughter and many blessings. Immediately following was the precise demonstration by the AFROTC Cadet Wing Color Guard. We were also honored to have combat Vietnam War Veteran Ray Ramos (Bugle) play live during the posting of the colors. Next it was time to eat &

eat some more yummy food! Following dinner every child in attendance was then given a specialty award. The Central Valley Teen Council President Grant Hall and Vice President Nate Van Dyke awarded over 50 children in attendance. These particular awards were given on the behalf of the Ca National Guard Child & Youth Program. In honor of appreciation for the military child’s continuous sacrifices and recognition. Once the

ceremony was completed. The lights went down and the music was turned up. Let’s just say we all got our boogie on with the help of Central Valley’s famous DJ Roman Morales. We are already working on the beginning stages for next years Military Children’s Ball for the Month of the Military Child. I would like to thank you all for coming out and showing support. We have great momentum right now please help us to keep it up!

Special Thanks:

American Legion 509, Vietnam Veteran Ray Ramos, Celene Merida, AFROTC Cadet Wing Color Guard, 35th AFROTC Cadet Wing, SSG Elijah Diaz, Marylou Martinez, Nancy Martinez, Chris Fry, Bonnie Bogges, Mah & Pah BBQ, Roman Morales.

Southern—Marisol Johnson

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Greetings from Southern California! I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Marisol Johnson and I will be the State Child & Youth Coordinator for the Southern California area! I am super excited to be a part such an outstanding organization and truly look forward to meeting many of you! I just moved from Phoenix, Arizona, where I was

Employed with the with the AZ National Guard for the last 2 years!

Aside from that, I have a 7 year old son and he is just as excited about the transition, as well. I will be doing my very best to start planning some exciting events and activities! Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity and please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, ideas, etc!



SAVE THE DATE

Adventures in Leadership
Agnes 14-18

DATES June 26-28th, 2012
 San Luis Obispo, CA

National Guard **Child and Youth Program** CALIFORNIA

The Child and Youth Program is excited to offer its first ever Adventure Camp! Bringing young people together from Military and Non-military Families to develop leadership skills for their communities. Gathering together at Camp San Luis Obispo, in a fun and energized setting, teens will develop the leadership skills needed to work together in their communities.

Chaperones Needed!!!!

Cost: \$50 per teen
 (CASH ONLY! Bring money day of the event)

For registration use Event Brite link: <http://adventuresinleadership.eventbrite>
 Please submit application no later than 12 JUNE 2012
 For all question please contact Jerica Lovett at Jerica.Lovett@us.army.mil or 916-369-4326

Friday Night Live

Operation Purple
 A Program of the National Military Family Association

Angelus Oaks, CA

About Our Camp:
 At Camp Fire USA's Camp Nawakwa we understand the special needs of today's military families. We realize this can be a difficult and challenging time for your children. Camp Nawakwa provides an opportunity for a child to take a break from their everyday hectic life and can give them time for self-reflection and the opportunity to explore and reconnect with nature. Camp Nawakwa is conveniently located adjacent to the outdoor recreation area known as Big Bear, CA. It sits at an elevation of 6870' - deep within the beautiful San Bernardino National Forest. During the day, the campers will go swimming in our heated pool, try wall climbing and archery, make arts & crafts and take a nature hike to nearby Jenks Lake for canoeing. At night, campers will enjoy an evening under the stars at our outdoor amphitheater. This is where they will experience the warmth of a campfire while performing skits, singing camp songs, and roasting marshmallows for s'mores. All cabins are fully enclosed and have electricity, heaters, and bunk beds. All shower houses have hot showers and flush toilets.

Apply Now!

Camp Dates
 Monday, June 11, 2012 - Friday, June 15, 2012

Camp Ages
 7-17 years old

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Find Out More:
 Visit <http://www.campfiretoday.org> for more information about our camp.

Where Are We Located:
 Get directions or view our location on [Google Maps](#)

2012 Camping Opportunities for Military Youth of All Branches/Components

Explore the outdoors! Make new friends!
 California: Operation Military Kids is planning two camps for this summer:
 Rawhide Ranch and Camp Ronald McDonald

Rawhide Ranch, located in Bonsall, California, is a horse lovers' camp in a replica Old West town. It will provide **military youth, ages 13-19**, with an opportunity to learn or improve their horseback riding skills, as well as to experience traditional camping fun like skits, songs, arts and crafts, archery and more. The camp is scheduled for July 1-7.

Camp Ronald McDonald, near Susanville, California, provides a traditional camping experience for **special needs youth ages 8-18**. The camp is fully accessible and camp counselors are trained to work with youth with a variety of special needs, from autism to physical limitations. California Operation: Military Kids is offering this camp, free of charge, to **military youth, Aug. 7-14**.

Registration is expected to open in early April.

To learn more, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CAOMK or contact Crystal O'Hara at 530-757-8968 or crohara@ucdavis.edu

For more information on camp please see our website....

Northern- I am sad to announce that at the end of the summer the Northern area Teen Council will have 2 opening due to two of our seniors going off to college. Kassie and Katie will truly be missed. Stay tuned for the following positions opening at the end of summer: Secretary, and Social Networking Assistant.

Central- The Central Valley Teen Council has created their own Facebook. Check it out at "CNG Central Valley Teen Council"

Southern- Once Marisol gets up and running at Azusa, we will have tons of info on the Southern Area Teen Council.



Resource Highlight.... Tutor.com/military



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