



Why Bring Your Children to NCNG Yellow Ribbon Events???



You wonder, why bring our children to NCNG Yellow Ribbon Events... The NCNG Child & Youth Program offers an exciting opportunity for your children to meet other children their age going through deployment and gather tools needed to become better equipped to face the challenges of deployment.

Just a little information about what your Child & Youth Team will be doing with your child/children.

Children ages 6 and up are provided age specific youth development/educational programs that center on leadership, life skills and STEM (Science, Technology, and Math). Activities are designed to “get everyone involved” and are tailored to the specific needs of the group. Some of the programs are led by the Child & Youth Team who are trained facilitators in the Army National Guard Teen Resilience Program which is part of the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness (CSF2) Program, based on the same skills currently used to train Soldiers. We are also trained facilitators in the Franklin Covey “7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens” & “7 Habits for Happy Kids”.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Defense and USDA, Project Y.E.S! (Youth Extension Service) was created to support military children and their families. Project Y.E.S! Is a national internship program engaging college students in service to meet the needs of military families? Interns are provided first-class youth development educational and facilitation skills through the General H. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center. Many times we are fortunate to have their support as well.

Childcare will be provided for children ages birth through 5 years old. Your children are provided a caring, nurturing and welcoming environment with many opportunities for your child/children to actively enjoy different sights, sounds, textures and sensations. Ages 2 through 5 also enjoy the opportunity to do craft projects and read stories related to the cycle of deployment they are experiencing.

As with any program, in order for us to be prepared, there are some things that we will need from you. Please take the time to fill out the YR-Pre Registration Form “*Child & Youth Activities and Child Care*” and list if your child has any special/exceptional needs, allergies, dietary requirements and are on any medications. Please list food allergies such as nuts, gluten, dairy, etc. as this will help us speak with catering at the venue in advance, since your children will be having lunch with us during the event. This form can be requested through our office by email or phone.

Children will eat with the Child & Youth Team and are provided a child-friendly snack and lunch during the event.

Ages Birth to Five

If your child/children are in diapers, please bring a diaper bag that includes diapers, wipes, bottles/sippy cups and a change of clothes. If your child/children are still on formula/baby food, please bring. On any items brought, please clearly print child’s first and last name as well as military members name (i.e., diaper bag, bottles, wipes, sippy cup, clothing and any comfort items, etc.)

Ages Six and Up

We ask that no cell phones, e-readers, iPods, DS games or other electronic devices be brought. We want your child/children to socialize and participate in activities with the other children attending. This is a great way to make new friends who have or are going through deployment, too. It is important for your child/children to create a connection and support network.

It would be a great help in planning this event to have the registration forms in as soon as possible. As mentioned earlier we can email you this form and you can complete online and email to alice.c.dean.ctr@mail.mil, or kristi.l.wagner4.ctr@mail.mil . If you are unable to email, you can mail to the address below or bring with you to the event. Upon receipt of your child/children’s registration form, you will receive an email confirmation with further details on the child and youth agenda for the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Alice Dean 1-984-664-6676 or Kristi Wagner 1-984-661-4761.

Regards,

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