



2020 FIND THE "BOOTS" FOR YOU! Military Youth, and Family Events

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**Family Overnight Sea Quest	Military families will participate in hands-on activities to build strong connections, resilience, & time to refresh relationships	Army National Guard Families, kids ages 3-18	Overnight Adventure	25-26 October (2019)	Sea Quest Roseville, MN	Behind the scenes tour, popcorn, movie, interaction with live animals	Adults- \$25 Children- Free	50 People	Registration will open in September Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page for more info
**Family Zoo Overnight Discovery Bay	Military families will participate in hands-on activities to build strong connections, resilience, & time to refresh relationships	Army National Guard Families, kids ages 5-18	Overnight Adventure	3-4 January	MN Zoo Apple Valley, MN	Behind the scenes tour, team-building games, 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	9-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 for more info
**Family Zoo Overnight R.A.D Zoo	Military families will participate in hands-on activities to build strong connections, resilience, & time to refresh relationships	Army National Guard Families, kids ages 5-18	Overnight Adventure	21-22 February	R.A.D Zoo Owatonna, MN	Behind the scenes tour, chance to touch creatures, and pizza party	Adult- \$35 Children- Free	40 People	Registration will open in December Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page 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	20-22 March	Ironwood Ranch	Team-building activities, 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 for more info
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Month of the Military Child	April is month of the military child. All month long there are 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 6th 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.	17 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 16th at 9am CST Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page 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	29-30 May	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 March Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page for more info

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Teen Summit	Teens come together as a "Military Family" each year at the Teen Summit hosted and planned by our Teen Panel.	MN Army National Guard Teens Ages 13-18	Weekend Retreat	17-19 June	St. Cloud State	Teens will participate in unique team-building activities, attend fun engaging leadership workshops, participate in service learning project	Free (\$300 value)	40 Youth	Registration will open in April Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page for more info	
**Family Zoo Overnight Down on the Farm	Military families will participate in hands-on activities to build strong connections, resilience, & time to refresh relationships	Army National Guard Families, kids ages 5-18	Overnight Adventure	10-11 July	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 May Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page for more info	
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: 26 July- 1 Aug Week 2: 2 Aug- 8 Aug	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	150 Youth per week	http://www.mngyc.org	
**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	18-19 September	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 March Check the MN National Guard Youth Programs Facebook page 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	5-7 Aug 2020 (Applications for new members due 3 July, 2020)	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 Army 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.**