



Weekly Resource Sharing

Child, Youth, & School Readiness: Tools and Resources

80th TRAINING COMMAND
FAMILY PROGRAMS CENTER
MG A.C. Roper Jr.
Commanding General

Family Programs=> Family Readiness => Soldier Readiness => Unit Readiness

June 22-26, 2015



When thinking about sending your child to camp, consider the following factors:

- **Age:** The child's age is very important when determining whether a child is ready for residential/overnight camps. Generally children under the age of 7 are not ready for residential camps, and a day camp is a great way to prep them for overnight camps.
- **Location:** Camps that are local can reduce travel costs and makes it easier to visit. A camp located further away may offer geographical experiences that may not be available closer to home. They can also promote a sense of independence in the child, which is something you can decide if your child is ready for that independence.
- **Length of camp:** You should also consider if you would like to drop off and pick up your child everyday, pick them up at end of the week, or if your child is ready for a camp that extends longer than a week.
- **Co-ed, girls only, and boys only:** Each has their own positives and negatives. You and your family should determine what your child is ready for and what best meets the needs of your child.
- **Traditional or specialty:** Traditional camps don't usually have a specific focus and offer a wide range of activities like archery, rock climbing, swimming, and more. Specialty camps offer traditional activities, but they also have a main focus. For example "Basketball camp" would focus on basketball, but still offer opportunities for other activities.

Where to look? Below are some helpful links to aid in your search:

American Camping Association: www.acacamps.org

Army Reserve Camping Opportunities: <http://www.arfp.org/cyss.php>

Camp Erin, Moyer Foundation Bereavement Camps: http://www.moyerfoundation.org/programs/CampErin_About.aspx

2015 Dod-USDA Partnership for Military Families Child & Youth Reintegration Support Camps: <http://4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/dod-camps/2015-camps/>

Military Teen Adventure Camp: https://www.extension.purdue.edu/Adventure_camps/campsloc.html

Specialty Camps for Children: http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/ill/finding_camp_special_needs.html

Kids & Teen Summer Camps Guide: <http://www.allensguide.com/>

Special Needs Camps: <https://www.seriousfunnetwork.org>

Adapted from: <http://www.arfp.org/pdfs/CampFlyers/How%20to%20Choose%20a%20Summer%20Camp%20and%20Camp%20Resources%20Handout.pdf>



Do your kids need a place to go in the summertime?
Military Families who do not live near or have access to a Military Youth Center can locate a Club by using the "Find a Club" feature on www.bgca.org/military. This tool displays Clubs closest to your family. You can also call 1-800-854-CLUB; an automated system will match your phone number to the nearest Club.

To learn more, click on the brochure!

Adapted from: http://www.bgca.org/meetourpartners/Documents/2112-12_MYO_BROCHURE_2012_a.pdf



For more information about Programs and Services that contribute to our Families Readiness and Resiliency, please contact your 80th Training Command Family Programs Center Community Outreach Assistant at 804-377-6430 or veronica.r.lauretano.ctr@mail.mil