




MILITARY CHILDREN AND YOUTH: BRAVE, FEARLESS AND RESILIENT

APRIL 2024 M.O.M.C. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 1 MOMC KICKOFF/MOMC PROCLAMATION 1PM AT THE SCHOOL AGE CENTER - RIBBON DECORATING AND BOOK READING LCPS - NO SCHOOL SPRING HOLIDAY APRIL FOOLS DAY	2 DANDELION PAINTING 3PM AT THE SCHOOL AGE CENTER FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM INFORMATION TABLE AT THE FRONTIER CLUB 11AM - 1PM SCREAM FREE PARENTING CLASS AT ACS 1PM - 2PM	3 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION SIGNING 9AM BUILDING 100 NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARIAN DAY	4 CYS COLOR RUN 4:30PM - 5:30PM CYS PURPLE UP DAY SHARP INFORMATION TABLE AT THE PX 11AM - 1PM	5 NATIONAL LOVE OUR CHILDREN DAY	6 MAKE YOUR OWN GOLDEN SNITCH CLASS ALL AGES 1PM-2PM ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER \$10 FAMILY SOCCER NIGHT - EL PASO LOCOMOTIVES 7PM NATIONAL STUDENT ATHLETE DAY	7 WORLD HEALTH DAY
8 ARMY PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS DAY	9 FAMILY GAME NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY 5:30PM - 7:30PM BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY SCREAM FREE PARENTING CLASS AT ACS 1PM - 2PM	10 ORIGAMI CLASS ALL AGES 1PM-2PM ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER \$10 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY BOWLING 4:30PM - 6PM NATIONAL ENCOURAGE A YOUNG WRITER DAY	11 NATIONAL PET DAY	12 CYS PURPLE UP DAY FAMILY POOL PARTY 3PM - 5PM CDC KIDS COLOR RUN 9:30AM - 10:30 AM	13 MAKE YOUR OWN GOLDEN SNITCH CLASS ALL AGES 1PM-2PM ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER \$10 FAMILY SOCCER NIGHT - EL PASO LOCOMOTIVES 7PM NATIONAL STUDENT ATHLETE DAY	14 INTERNATIONAL KIDS YOGA DAY
15 ANIME DAY	16 SAVE THE ELEPHANTS DAY	17 KIDS PAINT PARTY 12:30PM - 1:30 PM ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER \$2 GO FLY A KITE DAY	18 MOMC FAMILY PICTURES PHOTO SHOOT NATIONAL EXERCISE DAY	19 CYS PURPLE UP DAY DENIM DAY DROP EVERYTHING AND READ DAY CDC PURPLE SENSORY DAY CYS ARTS & CRAFTS & OUTDOOR REC WESTERN FAMILY NIGHT 4:30PM - 7PM SHARP INFORMATION TABLE AT THE BOWLING CENTER 11AM - 1PM SAC ART CONTEST RESULTS 3:30PM - 4PM	20 NATIONAL LOOK-ALIKE DAY	21 NATIONAL KINDERGARTEN DAY
22 MOMC BALL 3:30PM - 5:30 PM AT SCHOOL AGE CENTER GYM LCPS - NO SCHOOL SPRING HOLIDAY EARTH DAY	23 LIFE DRAWING CLASS ALL AGES 11AM-2PM ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER \$5 SCREAM FREE PARENTING CLASS AT ACS 1PM - 2PM	24 DENIM DAY - WEAR DENIM AND TAG #WSMRDENIMDAY2024 ON SOCIAL MEDIA NATIONAL BUCKET LIST DAY	25 WORLD PENGUIN DAY	26 NM PURPLE UP DAY CDC FIELD DAY 9AM - 10:30AM MOMC CELEBRATION 3:30PM - 6:30PM AT MST OPERATION MEGAPHONE 5PM 3/26 - 7AM 3/27 OVERNIGHT FOR TEENS	27 3-D ARCHERY SHOOT 7AM KIDS 12-16 & 11 & UNDER \$20 IN ADVANCE/\$30 DAY OF NATIONAL TEACH CHILDREN TO SAVE DAY	28 NATIONAL SUPERHERO DAY
29 WORLD WISH DAY	30 CUSTOM DECORATIVE PLATE CLASS ALL AGES 10AM - 11:30 AM ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER \$10	APRIL 1ST - 30TH: "WHERE IN THE WORLD MAP" APRIL 1ST - 30TH: YOUNG LIVES BIG STORIES CONTEST (YLBS) APRIL 1ST - 30TH: TEACHSTONE MEANINGFUL INTERACTIONS AT HOME APRIL 1ST - 30TH: DECA (COMMISSARY) DRAWING & WRITING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN APRIL 6TH - 12TH: WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD (WYOC) WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH	APRIL 1ST - 30TH: "WHERE IN THE WORLD MAP" APRIL 1ST - 30TH: YOUNG LIVES BIG STORIES CONTEST (YLBS) APRIL 1ST - 30TH: TEACHSTONE MEANINGFUL INTERACTIONS AT HOME APRIL 1ST - 30TH: DECA (COMMISSARY) DRAWING & WRITING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN APRIL 6TH - 12TH: WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD (WYOC) WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH	APRIL 1ST - 30TH: "WHERE IN THE WORLD MAP" APRIL 1ST - 30TH: YOUNG LIVES BIG STORIES CONTEST (YLBS) APRIL 1ST - 30TH: TEACHSTONE MEANINGFUL INTERACTIONS AT HOME APRIL 1ST - 30TH: DECA (COMMISSARY) DRAWING & WRITING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN APRIL 6TH - 12TH: WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD (WYOC) WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH	APRIL 1ST - 30TH: "WHERE IN THE WORLD MAP" APRIL 1ST - 30TH: YOUNG LIVES BIG STORIES CONTEST (YLBS) APRIL 1ST - 30TH: TEACHSTONE MEANINGFUL INTERACTIONS AT HOME APRIL 1ST - 30TH: DECA (COMMISSARY) DRAWING & WRITING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN APRIL 6TH - 12TH: WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD (WYOC) WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH	KEY CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES (CYS) EVENTS ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS) EVENTS OTHER MWR EVENTS NON-MWR OBSERVANCES



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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD EVENT LISTING

April 1	MOMC kickoff/MOMC Proclamation 1pm at the School Age Center (SAC) Bldg. 1316	Kickoff the month of the military child on Monday, April 1st with a proclamation signing, ribbon decorating and book reading.	April 10	Wednesday Night Family Bowling 4:30pm - 6pm Roadrunner Lanes, Building 234	Join us at Roadrunner Lanes Bowling Center for a fun night of bowling - just \$2.75 per person and shoe rental is free!
April 1 - 5	Child Development Center (CDC) MOMC Spirit Week Different activities for each day of the week at the CDC, Building 272.	The CDC will be celebrating MOMC with Spirit Week, which includes activities for the kids each day of the week: Wear red, white & blue for "Proud to be an American Day"; camo for "Crazy Camo Day"; favorite hat for "Hats Off to the Military Day"; superhero gear for "Superhero Day"; and a purple shirt for "Purple Up Day". For children enrolled in the CDC.	April 12	Family Pool Party 3pm - 5pm Aquatic Center, Building 462	Take the plunge and head over to the Aquatic Center for a pool party for all ages. Enjoy free food and swim for free! Please wear proper swim attire.
April 2	Dandelion Painting 3pm at the SAC, Bldg. 1316	Create your very own dandelion painting!	April 12	CDC Kids Color Run 9:30am - 10:30am CDC, Building 272	The little ones will love participating in the CDC Kids Color Run - a fun run for kids 5 and younger who are enrolled at the CDC.
April 2	Family Advocacy Program information table at the Frontier Club from 11am to 1pm. Building 1330.	Stop by the Frontier Club to learn more about Army Community Service's (ACS) Family Advocacy Program. (FAP). FAP strengthens families and enhances resiliency by supporting victims of domestic violence, helping new parents and assisting family members.	April 13	Make Your Own Golden Snitch Class 1pm - 2pm Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 426	A fun class for kids to make their own golden snitch, a ball used in Quidditch in the Harry Potter world. \$10
April 2, 9 & 23	Scream Free Parenting Class 1pm - 2pm - ACS, Building 250	The Scream Free Parenting class is a book reading group designed to help you with staying both calm and connected with your kids. The Scream Free Parenting book, by Hal Runkel, is an effective guide for parents with children of all ages. You'll receive a free copy with this class. Join us and start your journey towards being the type of parent you've always wanted to be! (Class is adults only.)	April 13	Family Soccer Night - El Paso Locomotives 7pm.	Enjoy a road trip to El Paso to see the El Paso Locomotives professional soccer team take on the Oakland Roots. Contact CYS Youth Sports for ticket information at (575)-678-6022
			April 13 through April 19	SAC Art Contest Call (575) 678-4140 for more information	SAC-enrolled children can participate in an Art Contest, held the week of April 13th. The results of the contest will be announced on April 19, from 3:30pm - 4pm.
April 3	Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) Proclamation Signing 9am - Building 100, downstairs lobby	The theme of the 2024 SAAPM is Step Forward. Prevent. Report. Advocate. This is a call to action for all individuals to use their personal and collective strength to advance meaningful change in preventing and responding to sexual violence. Sexual violence effects all members of the community, including children. SAAPM kicks off with a Proclamation signing.	April 17	Kids Paint Party 12:30pm - 1:30pm Arts & Crafts Center, Building 426	Kids of all ages will love visiting the Arts & Crafts Center for a painting party! For just \$2 per person, the class includes all materials needed to leave with your very own painting.
April 5	CYS Color Run 4:30pm - 5:30 pm White Sands Homes Pavilion	Join CYS, Navy Federal Credit Union and White Sands Homes for our annual 3K Color Run. This free, fun run event will feature music, snacks and enjoyment for the whole family! White clothing is recommended.	April 18	MOMC Family Pictures Photo Shoot	This special photo shoot is for CDC and SAC enrolled military families. It's an opportunity to have professional photos taken of your family. For more information and to reserve a time, please call (575) 678-2059.
April 5, 8, 12, 19 & 26	CYS/NM Purple Up Days & Army Purple Up for Military Kids Day	Wear purple to show your support for military youth!	April 19	D.E.A.R.: Drop Everything and Read Day 10am at the Post Library, Building 465, Room 113	D.E.A.R. Day is a national celebration of reading designed to remind families to make reading a priority activity in their lives. Come to the Library to celebrate the day!
April 5	SHARP Information Table at the PX 11am - 1pm	Stop by the PX to learn about the SHARP program - an integrated, proactive effort to end sexual harassment and sexual assault .	April 19	CDC Purple Sensory Day 9am - 10:30am CDC, Building 272	CDC enrolled children will explore and wear the color purple on Purple Sensory Day.
April 9	Family Game Night at the Library 5:30pm - 7:30pm Post Library Building 465, Room 113	Come to the Library for a special Family Game Night - play games, have fun and enjoy some free refreshments!	April 19	Denim Day	Wear denim (and purple) to show your support for military children.
April 10	Origami Class 1pm - 2pm at the Arts & Crafts Center, Building 426	The Arts & Crafts Center's Origami Class is fun for all ages. Learn the Japanese art of paper folding and create a model to take home with you. Perfect of children and beginners! There is a \$5 fee per person.	April 19	SHARP Information Table at Roadrunner Lanes Bowling Center 11am - 1pm	Stop by the Bowling Center to learn about the SHARP program - an integrated, proactive effort to end sexual harassment and sexual assault .
			April 19	CYS, Arts & Crafts and Outdoor Rec Western Family Night 4:30pm - 7pm at Volunteer Park Lodge, Building 1362	Mosey on down to the Volunteer Park Lodge for a night filled with fun for all ages! Take on the mechanical bull or the horseshoe toss. There will also be a barrel race, free event photos and free light refreshments.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD EVENT LISTING (CONTINUED)

April 22	MOMC Ball 3:30pm - 5:30pm at the SAC, Building 1316	More information coming soon.
April 23	Life Drawing Class (all ages) 11am - 2pm at the Arts & Crafts Center, Building 426	Work on your drawing skills with life drawing drills. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. \$5 fee.
April 24	Denim Day	Wear denim in support of military youth! Be sure to show your support on social media and tag #WSMRDenimDay2024.
April 26	CDC Field Day 9am - 10:30am CDC, Building 272	CDC-enrolled children up to age 5 will enjoy games and activities outside (weather permitting) during the CDC Field Day.
April 26	MOMC Celebration 3:33pm - 6:30pm at the Middle School Teen Center (MST), Bldg. 1318	Join CYS in celebrating all military children and youth. The celebration will include good music, delicious food, inflatables and great fun! This is a free event.
April 26/April 27	Operation Megaphone 5pm on April 26 through 7am on April 27 Call (575) 678-7859 to reserve your teen's spot.	Operation Megaphone (OMP) is an annual worldwide event designed to connect military teens from around the world in order to discuss key issues affecting military teens, promote communication across all military services and provide opportunities for teens to give back to their communities. This is an overnight event.
April 27	3-D Archery Shoot 7am Outdoor Recreation, Building 1338 Stop by 1338 or call (575) 678-1713 to register.	The Archery Shoot is open to men, women, youth 12-16 years old and 11 years and younger. There will be 2 target courses, a hiking trail, a fun course and a novelty shoot. You will need to provide your own arrows (broadheads not permitted). The Shoot costs \$20 with advanced sign-up and \$30 on the day of the event. Great for all ages!
April 30	Custom Decorative Plate Class 10am - 11:30 am at the Arts & Crafts Center, Building 426	Come to the Arts & Crafts Center on April 30 to create a custom decorative plate! The class is open for all ages. There is a \$10 fee for the class.

April 6 - April 12	Week of the Young Child	A national celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This fun-filled week celebrates early learning, young children, teachers, families and communities with hands-on, collaborative activities encouraging movement and healthy lifestyles through music, food and art.
Month of April	"Where in the World" Map	Throughout the month, children can pinpoint on a world map where they have lived because of their military lifestyle. This is a great way to connect military kids with their peers.
Month of April	Young Lives Big Stories (YLBS) Contest	The YLBS contest gives Army-connected children and youth ages 3 through grade 12 the chance to tell their story about what it means to be a military child through drawings and written or audio/video submissions. To enter, go to https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/cys/month-military-child/young-lives-big-stories/enter
Month of April	Teachstone Meaningful Interactions At Home	Join us for a free workshop for families and hear from an early childhood expert on easy ways you can help your child learn and grow at home. For more information, please call the CDC at (575) 678-2059.
Month of April	DECA (Commissary) "Spreading Joy Around the World" Drawing & Writing Contest	To enter the contest, children of authorized Commissary patrons must submit a drawing or written description of a unique experience they had as military children. To enter, visit corp.commissaries.com/military-child-month .
Month of April	World Autism Awareness Month	Starting on World Autism Day on April 2 and running throughout April, World Autism Month is centered around increasing global understanding and acceptance of people with autism.
Month of April	National Child Abuse Prevention Month	April marks National Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month, which seeks to have a united stand against child abuse. This year, the theme is "Building A Hopeful Future, Together," focusing on creating a nurturing and supportive environment for children and families across the nation.
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