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Tickets & Travel has a limited number of tickets available to **Disney's Salute to the Troops** tickets. These will be sold until Sept. 7 or while supplies last. The Salute to the Troops special (starting at \$138 per person for a 4-day pass) ends Sept. 30. Other Disney discounts are also available, but don't wait! This offer includes active duty, Guard and Reserve, retirees and family members. For more information, call 706-626-7644.

Preschool Story Hour is back! All the cool kids are meeting at Sayers Library in the commissary mall at 11am Tuesdays and Wednesdays for a wild hour of stories, singing, games and crafts. For more information, call 706-545-4911.

Registration for Child, Youth and School Services **developmental flag football** for ages 3-5 runs Sept. 4-14. The cost is \$20. Registration takes place at Parent Central. A current sports physical is needed at time of registration. For more information, call 706-545-1853.

Families of active duty Soldiers will enjoy free admission to the **Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families** Oct. 24 and 25 at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. This 45-minute performance is entertaining and educational. It is designed to help military children understand and even appreciate the challenges and unique nature of military life. Show times Oct. 24 are 2pm and 6:30pm. Show times Oct. 25 are 9:30am and 6:30pm. Seating is limited, so you must have tickets for this free event. Limit six tickets per military ID. Tickets are available beginning Sept. 4 at Tickets & Travel in the Commissary Mall.

CYSS offers opportunities for competitive and noncompetitive swimmers between the ages of 10 and 18. The **Fort Benning Devils** competitive team will register swimmers with at least one year of experience from Sept. 4-Oct. 12 for \$95. Registration for noncompetitive swimmers is Sept. 4-Oct 12, and cost is \$60. The season runs Oct 15-March 15. Register at Parent Central on Marchant Ave. Be sure to bring a current sports physical. For more information, call 706-545-2079.

Back by popular demand: Movies Under the Stars and the Staples Safari Zoo

Catch a Movie Under the Stars on the 80' jumbo screen on Fort Benning's Wetherby Field, off Custer Road. This free family event is open to the public. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, but leave your four-legged family members at home. Refreshments will be available for purchase, but the popcorn is free as long as supplies last. Show starts at 8:30pm. Guests 17 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We'll be showing:

- Sept. 14: Mirror, Mirror - a great movies, fit for all ages
- Sept. 21: The Lorax - preceded by the Staples Safari Zoo
- Sept. 28: Hunger Games – not recommended for very young children, so make it a date night! Archery experts will be on hand at 5:30pm to let you test your skills at archery.

CYSS will host the **Staples Safari Zoo** from 9am-noon Sept. 18-21 and 5-8pm Sept. 21. This is a free activity for the whole family. The zoo will include exotic animal shows, a petting zoo and very entertaining educational programs. The zoo will conclude with a grand finale Sept. 21, with two showings, 5:15pm and 6:30pm. Seating is limited.

MWR's Outdoor Recreation will host **free campouts at Kings Pond** September 15. These events begin at noon Saturday and end Sunday morning. ODR will provide free canoes, kayaks, games and more until 5pm. To reserve your spot and camping supplies, call 706-545-7978.

Laugh your way to a better marriage with Mark Gungor, a nationally acclaimed humorist and marriage expert. Fort Benning's Family Advocacy Program will host free seminars from 9am to 4pm September 25 and 26 at the Benning Conference Center. To reserve free child care, call 706-544-2339. To register, contact your FRSA or chaplain.

MWR's Outdoor Recreation will host **Family Fishing Night at Russ Park** from 6-8pm Sept 18. This is a free family event. Bring your own pole or reserve one by calling 706-545-7978. Fishing at Russ Park is restricted to those 15 and younger, but parents and siblings are always encouraged to help.

What is normal? MWR and the Military Child Education Coalition will present “**Living in the New Normal: Helping Children Thrive in Good and Challenging Times**” from 8am to 4pm September 19 at the Benning Conference Center. This free training is ideal for parents, teachers, family readiness group leaders, first responders and all others interested in learning strategies to help military children thrive and become resilient. Register today at MilitaryChild.org. For more information, call 254-953-1923.

New to Fort Benning in the last year? Register for our free **Newcomers Bus Tour** today, and we’ll include a complimentary lunch at the Benning Conference Center. Tours are scheduled for 9am-1:30pm the third Thursday of each month. The next tour is September 20. Space is limited. To register, call 706-545-0403 or 706-545-8783.

Child, Youth and School Services is now registering for **winter sports**. Registration takes place at Parent Central. A current sports physical is needed at time of registration. For more information, call 706-545-1853.

- Wrestling registration for ages 8-15 is Oct 1-Nov 1. The cost is \$30. The season begins Nov 12.
- Developmental basketball registration for ages 3-5 is Oct 15-26. The cost is \$20. The season is Oct 29-Nov 16.
- Basketball registration for ages 6-13 is Nov 19-Jan 4. The cost is \$25. Season begins Jan. 14.
- Non-competitive swimming registration for ages 10-18 runs Sept. 4-Oct 12. The cost is \$60. Begins Oct 15.

The popular **Horsemanship Program** returns to Wetherby Field from 10am-2pm Oct. 6. This free event includes demonstrations in the basics of caring for a horse, riding demonstrations, a learn-to-lasso activity, refreshments and more. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registration is required. Call 706-545-7978.

Oktoberfest, Fort Benning’s favorite fall tradition, returns to Uchee Creek Oct 19-21. Admission is free for this popular German-flavored event, and it’s open to the public. Enjoy traditional (and not-so traditional) German music, foods and games for all ages, a pumpkin patch, inflatable bounce houses, a stroller-friendly Volksmarch, the annual Oktoberfest 10K Cross Country Challenge, canine competitions, hayrides and more. The festivities start at 4 p.m. Oct 19 at the Uchee Creek Activity Center and end at 11 p.m. A ceremonial keg-tapping ceremony will be held under the big-top tent at 5:45. The fun continues through the weekend, with events scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. For a schedule of events and entertainers, go to benningmwr.com. Vendors accept only tokens for the purchase of food. Tokens, \$1 each, are available before the event at MWR headquarters, Building 2783 on Eckel Avenue, or at token trailers on site. Unused tokens can be redeemed for full value.

The **McGraw Child Development Center offers child care for the spouses of deployed Soldiers** from 6:30pm-10:30pm Oct 5. You must have an AFC card, and you must make reservations through your family readiness support assistant. Children must be registered with CYSS through Parent Central Services. For more information, call 706-545-2079.

The Hooch needs help. Join us from 8am-noon Oct. 12 as we team up for the annual **Help the Hooch** clean-up campaign. We will take to the waterways around Fort Benning and remove harmful litter and waste as teams of volunteers from around the Chattahoochee Valley do the same up and down the river. Register today and receive a tshirt and free lunch. We will provide gloves, sanitizer and trash bags. Bring a friend or enlist your civic, church or school group. To register, call 706-545-2787 or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HelptheHooch>.

The **Army Family Action Plan** is an Armywide program designed to improve the quality of life for Soldiers, retirees, DoD civilians and family members. AFAP gives voice to the concerns and desires of the Army community by resolving issues at the local level or “raising” them to a higher level. Senior military leadership takes seriously AFAP issues deemed important by volunteers and installation leaders who participate in post-level AFAP conferences. AFAP has resulted in many changes at Fort Benning and across the Army. The Fort Benning AFAP conference will be held from 8am-4pm Oct 30-Nov 1 at Building 224 in the historic warehouse district on Main Post between Vibbert and 10th Mtn Division Road. To participate, call 706-545-3016. To submit an issue you would like to see addressed, go to benningmwr.com/acs-afap.php.

Sweat like a mother! Join mothers from across Fort Benning at 9am Tuesdays for **Stroller Fitness** at Smith Fitness Center. This class is ideal for moms with little ones 6 weeks to 5 years old. Classes take place on the track next to Smith when weather permits and inside on the basketball court during inclement weather. Moms pay \$3 per class; kids ride free! For more information, email lori.m.smith38.naf@mail.mil.

You're stronger than you know! Register today for Resiliency Training for Families, and we'll help you identify and maximize your strengths and develop relationships and improve communication and. These classes are free. For class dates and times, call 706-545-2794.

Fort Benning's **New Parent Support Program** hosts a playgroup every Thursday from 10am to 11:30am and a Mom and Baby meet-up every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30am. These are held in Building 9608 on 1st Cavalry Division Road. For more information, call 706-604-5783 or 706-626-2599.

Wouldn't it be nice to have one source for the answers to all your questions? You've got it! **Military One Source** is the place to go for help with money matters, deployment issues, marital or family relationship issues, moving, child care, employment and more. Call Military One Source 24/7 at 1-800-342-9647 or visit online at MilitaryOnceSource.com.

Mark your calendar! **Trick-or-treating** on Fort Benning will be 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31.