

2016 FIND THE "BOOTS" FOR YOU! Military Youth and Teen Retreats

"BOOTS"	SIZZLE	OPEN TO	LENGTH	2015 DATES	LOCATION	SAMPLE ACTIVITIES	COST	REGISTRATION	
Tween Overnight Lake Superior Zoo	Military Tweens will participate in activities that will teach them about how animals are resilient and relate those resilience skills to military youth.	Army National Guard Tweens Ages 9-12	Overnight Adventure	20-21 November, 2015	Lake Superior Zoo Duluth, MN	Tweens will participate in hands-on activities, team-building games, night hike, pizza party, and sleep at the zoo	Free (\$35 Value)	Check out our Facebook page for registration info	Sign-up for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Youth Programs e-postcards through MnNationalGuardYouthPrograms Facebook page (under Apps)
Family Zoo Adventures	Family Zoo Adventures are designed for families with elementary aged kids. These events allow parents and children to connect and grow their relationship while also learning how animals can be resilient.	MN Army National Guard families with children, ages 4-9	Typically 2 hours	TBD February	MN Zoo Apple Valley, MN	The whole Zoo serves as the classroom. Families go behind the scenes with zookeepers and trainers and participate in crafts and games	Adult pays \$18.50 Child(ren) attend FREE (\$50 Value)	Check out our Facebook page for registration info	Sign-up for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Youth Programs e-postcards through MnNationalGuardYouthPrograms Facebook page (under Apps)
Teen Leadership Forum	Teens will be introduced to leadership and teambuilding programming during a weekend of learning, having fun, and being leaders.	MN Army National Guard Military Teens 6th-12th grade	Weekend Retreat	11-13 March	TBD	Teens will participate in team-building activities and listen to a famous local MN leader speak on leadership	Free (\$300 value)	Check out our Facebook page for registration info	Sign-up for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Youth Programs e-postcards through MnNationalGuardYouthPrograms Facebook page (under Apps)
Month of the Military Child	April is month of the military child. All month long we plan 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	We are planning the following activities: 2nd Annual Art Contest, Purple Up! T-Shirt Fundraiser and Senator Franken's Art Contest		Check out our Facebook page for registration info	Sign-up for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Youth Programs e-postcards through MnNationalGuardYouthPrograms Facebook page (under Apps)
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Teen Summit	Military Teens serve as our "Hidden Heroes". They come together as a "Military Family" each year at the Teen Summit hosted and planned by our Teen Panel. Teens will learn about leadership skills, money management, etiquette, and participate in a community service project .	MN Army National Guard Teens Ages 13-18	Weekend Retreat	17-19 June	Metro	Teens will participate in unique team-building activities, attend fun engaging leadership workshops, participate in service learning project, and go on an outing.	Free (\$300 value)	Check out our Facebook page for registration info	Sign-up for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Youth Programs e-postcards through MnNationalGuardYouthPrograms Facebook page (under Apps)
Tween Overnight Minnesota Zoo	Tweens are invited to spend the evening exploring the watery world of sharks and other ocean life. They will sleep in the Discovery Bay besides the sharks, rays, and sea stars.	Army National Guard Tween Ages 9-12	Overnight Adventure	16-17 July	Minnesota Zoo Apple Valley, MN	Your overnight will be highlighted with fun activities and a craft. We'll end the evening by sleeping at the Zoo for the night.	Free (\$47 value)	Check out our Facebook page for registration info	Sign-up for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Youth Programs e-postcards through MnNationalGuardYouthPrograms Facebook page (under Apps)
National Guard Youth Camp	Ages 10-15 gather on Camp Ripley, Minnesota National Guard Youth Camp. The youth spend seven days experiencing Camp Ripley and its surrounding.	Any youth, related to a Minnesota Guard member Ages 10-15,	Week-long Adventure	Week 1: 24 July - 30 July Week 2: 31 July-6 August	Camp Ripley, MN	Camp is not a "boot camp". Activities include, biking, archery, orienteering and night vision goggles.	\$100-\$150 depending on different variables	Check out MN National Guard Youth Camp Facebook page for registration info	Sign-up for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Youth Programs e-postcards through MnNationalGuardYouthPrograms Facebook page (under Apps)
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Tween Overnight Sea Life Aquarium	Tweens will sleep under the sea in the aquarium's tunnel. Throughout the night tweens will be given the opportunity to develop friendships with other military connected tweens and learn about resilience.	MN Army National Guard Tweens Ages 9-12	Overnight Adventure	9-10 September	Mall of America Bloomington, MN	Tweens will go on behind-the-scenes tours, engage in resilience discussions, make a shark tooth necklace, and meet other military connected tweens.	Free (\$65 value)	Check out our Facebook page for registration info	Sign-up for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Youth Programs e-postcards through MnNationalGuardYouthPrograms Facebook page (under Apps)
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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 Commitment	10-12 Aug 2016 (Applications for new members Due 3 July, 2016)	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 communities.	Free (\$300 value)	<u>Check out MN Teen Panel Facebook page for registration info</u>	<u>Sign-up for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Youth Programs e-postcards through MnNationalGuardYouthPrograms Facebook page (under Apps)</u>
<u>Stay updated on Facebook under Minnesota National Guard Youth Programs.</u>					<u>For the latest and greatest about what is going on in the Youth Programs go to: http://www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org/family-wellness</u>				
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