

IN BRIEF

Camp Tomah Shinga, 10 minutes south of Junction City, is looking for volunteers to facilitate on its high-ropes course. Facilitators lead groups on climbing walls, zip lines and other team-building challenges. Training is June 6. For more information, call Dennis Pope at 1-888-656-6254.

Treat Dad for Father's Day. **Riley's Conference Center will host a Father's Day Brunch** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 21. The menu will include assorted entrees, desserts and beverages. The price for adults is \$13.95, children ages 5 through 11 are \$6.95. For more information or to make a reservation, call 784-1000.

Volunteers are needed to help abused and neglected children in the Central Flint Hills Region. Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA, is looking for board members who can give about two hours a month and advocate volunteers who give about 10 hours a month. For more information, call 785-761-4841 or e-mail christinarose75@gmail.com.

Picnic Military Housing residents are invited to join their neighborhood office staff from 4 to 6 p.m. **June 11 to make a Father's Day gift for Dad.** Complimentary coffee cups will be available to decorate for Father's Day. Photos can be brought in to be added to the cups. Decorations and cups will be provided.

Speak Out For Military Kids Interactive Theater seeks to address issues faced by military youth and their families through sociodrama. Through a series of workshops utilizing role playing, improvisation, creativity and empathy, participants gain insight and are helped by the group process to normalize feelings and concerns, and improve coping skills. Workshops will begin June 1 and will meet every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for six weeks. By the end of the six-week period, the youth will have created an original play which they will perform for the community July 14 and 15. Youth in seventh, eighth and ninth grades are invited to participate in these free workshops.

For more information, call Ann Gordon or Wynnie Wahlfeldt at 239-9885.

Registration for the Middle School Teen Center's summer camps and field trips has begun. Registrations close one week prior to the event. Summer events:

- June 12 - Visit the Omaha Henry Doohey Zoo from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 12. The cost is \$11.50, plus money for food.
- June 22-27 and July 27-31 - Extreme Water Sports Camp from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$60 plus money for food at Oceans of Fun. Camp will include kayaking, canoeing, water skiing, tubing and a trip to Oceans of Fun.
- June 23 or July 28 - Visit Oceans of Fun from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. for \$25.
- July 10 - Shop in Kansas City and play at Dave and Busters from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- July 13-17 - Renewable Energy Resource Camp from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$35 and includes materials, a field trip and T-shirt.
- July 17 - Visit Nelson Atkins Art Museum from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 24 - Cheer on the Royals. Cost is \$18 plus the cost for food.
- Aug. 4 - Visit Worlds of Fun from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. for \$30. Don't forget to bring money for food.

For more information about any of these events, call the teen center at 239-9222.

The Middle School Teen Center is open for morning care from 5:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday; open recreation from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; open recreation from 1 to 11 p.m. Friday and 2 to 11 p.m. Saturday. For more information about the teen center, call 239-9222.

Nominations are now being accepted for Fort Riley's 2009 Yard of the Month program. One home from each Fort Riley neighborhood is selected for Yard of the Month. Nominated yards will be judged on the first Friday of each month.

To nominate a yard or for more information on criteria for the program, residents can call their neighborhood offices or Crystal Bryant at 717-2200.

Celebrate your success with the Career Pathfinder program. Let the Employment Readiness Program know how the program helped you. If you still need assistance finding the right path, call 239-9435.

COMMUNITY CORNER

June events, classes set to celebrate Dad, teach new skills

**By Col. Richard Piscal
GARRISON COMMANDER**



Col. Piscal

Military dads face unique challenges. Recently, numerous military teens graduated from high schools across the region. Many fathers were there, but some were not able to make it. Missing Family events is something we all know happens when you are a part of the Army Family. However, for the third year in a row, our Directorate of Information Management was able to hook up deployed parents and their graduating seniors via video teleconference. Programs like this are just one way Fort Riley helps ease the stresses of military life for our Families.

During the month of June - Dads Make a Difference Month - Fort Riley and Army Community Service have scheduled an entire month of activities and classes planned especially for dads and their Families. The first event planned is a Father's Day Picnic and Field Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 6 at Moon Lake. Bring the whole Family to enjoy games, food and activities for Families with children of all ages. The inflatable obstacle course will be set up, along with horseshoe pits, a badminton net and more. Do not forget to bring your fishing poles to see what you can catch in the lake. In case of inclement weather, this event will be held at ACS, Building 7264.

June 11, dads are encouraged to bring their children to School Aged Services, Building 5810, for a Dad and Me Breakfast. All of the child development centers will participate and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ian Mann will be the guest speaker. Take the entire Family to Barlow Theater

at 6:30 p.m. June 16 to enjoy free popcorn to go along with the free Family movie.

Another outdoor activity is planned for June 18. From noon to 2 p.m., ACS will host a pool party at Custer Hill Pool. ACS will do all the cooking. All you need to bring are the kiosk, towel, pool toys and sunscreen. RSVP for this event before June 8 to Laurie McCaulley at 239-1861 or Toiane Taylor at 239-5777.

The final event planned for Dads Make a Difference Month is a father and daughter tea party from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the ACS Annex, Building 1020 off of Huebner Road. This activity is designed to promote father and daughter interaction through story time, crafts and music. Each Family will receive the book "Miss Spider's Tea Party" and their own tea cups and saucers to take home. Space is limited at this event, so call Bob Clifton at 239-5166 to reserve your spot.

Besides these events, classes will be held throughout the month to help our military fathers be the best they can be when it comes to fatherhood.

- June classes will include:
- Family History: Building Strength for the Future - 2 to 4 p.m. June 1, ACS, Building 7264. This class will help fathers understand their Family origins and how that influences their futures.
 - Making the Connection: Parenting Apart - 2 to 4 p.m. June 2, ACS. This class is designed to assist Soldier

in their role as a parent even when they are separated from their children.

- Why All Children are Special - 2 to 4 p.m. June 3, ACS. This class will teach everything dads need to know about parenting children with exceptional challenges.
- House Dads 101 - 2 to 4 p.m. June 4, ACS. Dads will learn how to take care of things at home, manage time for household chores, baby care needs and tips on meals and playtime.
- Positive Choices - 2 to 3 p.m. June 5, ACS. This class will provide fathers with general insights into what is acceptable in relation to societal norms.
- From Dads to Riches - 3 to 4 p.m. June 5, ACS. Learn what to do to be financially prepared for fatherhood. How much does it cost to have a baby and how do you plan to bring a baby into your home?
- 24/7 Dads - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 8 and 9, ACS. This workshop will provide fathers with practical tools to enhance the well-being of their children. Learn the importance of being an integral part of your children's lives physically, emotionally, spiritually and intellectually 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Family Dynamics: A Mother's View of Dad's Role - 3 to 4:30 p.m. June 22, ACS Annex, Building 1020. During this informal discussion, moth-

ers will share their perspectives on the importance of fatherhood.

- Building Strength and Courage in our Children, 3 to 5 p.m. June 23, ACS Annex. This class will feature guest speaker Charles Smith, Kansas State Research and Extension specialist in family studies and human services.
 - Daddy Boot Camp - 6 to 8 p.m. June 23, Irwin Army Community Hospital. This workshop will prepare men to be fathers and care for their babies and new moms.
 - Love and Logic - 1 to 3 p.m. June 24, ACS Annex. This class will present a parenting approach that allows children to grow through their mistakes and help children learn the logical consequences of their choices.
 - Power of Play: Brain Gym and Bal-A-Vis-X - 3 to 5 p.m. June 24, ACS Annex. This class will help teach dads about the power of play in their children's development using rhythmic balance, auditory and vision exercises.
 - Becoming the Best Dad - 3 to 5 p.m. June 25, ACS. This workshop will provide a complete perspective on the fathering skills necessary to meet the challenges of being a father in a military Family.
- To find out more about any of these classes, or to reserve your spot, call ACS at 239-9435. Walk-in also will be welcome.
- And, even though there will be

an entire month of activities, do not forget about dad on Father's Day, June 21. Riley's Conference Center will be hosting a barbecue-themed brunch. Let the staff at Riley's do the cooking and clean up so your Family can spend the day enjoying each other. Brunch will consist of full breakfast and lunch buffers including omelet, waffle and dessert stations, pork ribs, roasted chicken and all the fixings. Indoor and outdoor seating will be available. To reserve your spot for the brunch, call 784-1000. This event is open to all of our military and civilian Families, as well as community members within the Central Flint Hills Region.

So while our military dads may have tough jobs - at work and at home, Fort Riley fully supports its Families to help them be the best they can be. This month we are highlighting dads and their contributions to our Families, but every month ACS and other post organizations offer their support to our Families. Call or stop by ACS at any time to find out about the numerous ways we offer support for all kinds of Families. ACS is located in Building 7264 on Custer Hill. Find out more about its services at www.riley.army.mil or call 239-9435.

If you would like to comment on this article, or suggest a topic to be covered in the Community Corner, e-mail rlc-post.newspaper@conus.army.mil

Home wanted

Thumbelina

This is Thumbelina. Thumbelina is a 2-year-old spayed cat. She is litterbox trained and would be best suited in a home with no other pets. She is very loving and loves sitting in laps.



Fort Riley Stray Facility
Building 226 Custer Ave., Main Post
Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
Monday through Friday
Phone: 239-6183

AT THE MOVIES

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tickets cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

May 29 - "Hannah Montana," G
May 30 - "State of Play," PG-13
May 31 - "Hannah Montana," G

For more information, call Barlow Theater at 239-9574.

