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2024 SPRING/SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

Armed Services YMCA of Alaska

SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS

Open to active duty service members and military families serving in Alaska.

Back-to-School Snack Bash



Statewide

Ready for back to school? Stop by your ASYMCA Welcome Centers to fill a provided bag with your favorite snacks from our Snack Bash table! This is a drop-in program, no registration needed. Powered by Wounded Warrior Project.

Date & Time: August 12 from 1:00–4:00 p.m. (or while supplies last)

Location: ASYMCA Welcome Centers (JBER, FWW, Eielson)

Who: Entering grades K–12. Kids MUST be present.

Camp Fire Alaska's Camp K on Kenai Lake

Statewide

The Armed Services YMCA of Alaska and Camp Fire Alaska are partnering to send military kids to Camp K!

Dates: June 24–28, July 15–19, and July 22–26

Location: Camp Fire Alaska's Camp K on Kenai Lake

Who: Children ages 6–17 years (first-time participants only)

Cost: \$100/camper

Registration Opens: April 9

Center Discovery

Eielson AFB & JBER



Experience the ASYMCA Early Learning Center where your child can engage in play-based learning! We will have story time, a craft, and three other centers available for self-paced play and discovery. Choose a 1-hour time block listed below.

Time Blocks: Thursday from 2:00–4:00 p.m. and
Fridays from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Who: Ages 2–4 with parent (older siblings welcome)

Registration Opens: May 1

Discover the ASYMCA OF AK

Ft. Wainwright & JBER

Stop by an ASYMCA Welcome Center to learn about Alaska and ASYMCA programs! This interactive welcome will provide hands-on opportunities to learn your base's "must knows" and how to get involved in programs. Finish by grabbing a Challenge Card and completing a self-paced visit to our facilities for a great summer treat! Drop-in program, no registration required.

Dates & Time: 1st Monday of June, July, and August

- FWW 3:00–5:00 p.m.

- JBER 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Who: Active military families

Kenai River Sportfishing Association Jr. Classic

Statewide

This annual fishing opportunity is a great opportunity for children to enjoy salmon fishing while learning about water and boat safety, salmon life cycles, and river ecology. Includes shore side activities, lunch, and riverboat fishing.

Date: August 7

Location: Soldotna, AK

Who: Children ages 8–16

Transportation: Participants must ride the bus from Anchorage to Soldotna.

Registration Opens: May 1

Special Note: Parent/guardian chaperones needed. Please indicate your interest during registration.

Manners & Skills for Today's Teens

Eielson AFB

Understanding expectations in different situations helps teens develop a sense of confidence. Through games, interactive scenarios, and mentorship, we will review skills based on common teen questions that are rooted in real world application. Powered by Wounded Warrior Project.

Date & Time: Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Location: Early Learning Center

Who: Ages 11–14

Registration Opens: May 1



Military Spouse Summer Camp

Statewide

Rest and recharge with fellow military spouses at an overnight getaway! Activities include kayaking, canoeing, archery, guided hikes, yoga, and more. Meals and snacks are provided. A special thank you to our partner, ConocoPhillips Alaska.

Date: August 2–4

Location: Camp Fire Alaska's Camp K on Kenai Lake

Who: Female spouses of active duty military

Cost: \$100/camper

Registration Opens: June 1

Seasonal weekly programs are offered June 5–August 7.

For a full list of programs learn more at alaska.asymca.org or scan the QR code.



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Register online at alaska.asymca.org for all spring/summer programs.

Mother-Son Adventure

Anchorage Area

Take the time away from the noisy world to take a train ride adventure and hike through the Chugach National Forest to the beautiful vista of Spencer Glacier.



Date: July 31 or August 1 (choose your preferred date during registration)

Time: 12:45–5:15 p.m.

Who: Active duty military family mothers and sons
(recommended for ages 4+)

Cost: \$45/person

Registration Opens: June 1



Mother-Son Adventure

Fairbanks Area

Experience Denali National Park! Enjoy a ranger-guided walk, tour a sled dog kennel, and explore the Denali Visitor Center.

Date & Time: June 12 from 7:15 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Who: Active duty military moms and sons (ages 6+)

Cost: \$35/person (includes bus transportation and snack)

Registration Opens: May 1

Movin' & Groovin' with the ASYMCA

Eielson AFB

Different themes will focus on large and fine movements, following instructions, and sensory exploration. Registration is requested. Parent(s) must be present. No cost.

Date: Thursdays from 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Location: ASYMCA Early Learning Center

Who: Ages 2–4 (siblings welcome)

Registration Opens: May 1



No-Bake Cooking Class with Dad

Eielson AFB & JBER

Spend an early evening together learning how to make fun snacks and treats together! Dads and their kiddos will get to create and take home samples, as well as recipes to make again and maybe a new hobby! Significant male role models are welcome to accompany child(ren).

Date: June 14 from 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Location: ASYMCA Welcome Centers (JBER, FWW, Eielson)

Who: Ages 4+

Cost: \$5

Registration Opens: May 1

Popsicles in the Park



Statewide

Join the ASYMCA staff team each week of an afternoon fun summer play! Each week we will be at a different park, ready to share the simple joy of a summer popsicle while meeting our wonderful military families. Drop-in program, no registration needed. Open to currently serving military families at no charge.

Date & Time: Wednesdays, June 5–August 7
from 2:00–4:00p.m.

Location: Park location rotates each week (JBER, FWW, Eielson)

Who: Currently serving military families

Salmon Fishing Day Trip



Statewide

Fish for salmon on the Kenai River! We'll take a powerboat to productive gravel bars where guides will provide hands-on instruction on how to fish for and catch salmon, care for your catch, identify fishing spots, and tie basic knots. Alaska fishing license required. Transportation and lodging not provided.

Trip #1: July 12 (open to active duty female military members)

Trip #2: July 25 (open to active duty female military spouses)

Location: Kenai/Soldotna

Cost: \$100/person

Registration Opens: June 1

School-Age Messy Art

Eielson AFB & JBER

All the projects that you wish the kids would do, but maybe not at your kitchen table! We've got you covered, and we'll help with the clean up! Registration requested, walk-ins accepted.

Date & Time: Tuesdays from 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Location: ASYMCA Early Learning Center

Who: School age (entering grades 2–6 in Fall 2024)

Cost: \$5 per session

Registration Opens: May 1

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Space Camp

Statewide

Blast off with an overnight learning experience at the Challenger Learning Center of Alaska! Adventures include sessions on rocketry, simulated missions, survival, and astronomy. On our return trip, we will visit the Kenai Wildlife Reserve for an exclusive outdoor experience with reserve's ranger team. Made possible by ConocoPhillips Alaska.

Date & Time: July 10–12 (Wednesday–Friday)

Location: Challenger Learning Center of Alaska in Kenai, AK

Who: Children entering grades 6–8

Transportation: Bus transportation is available from Anchorage.

Cost: \$100/camper

Registration Opens: May 1

Summer Sampler Marketplace Kits

Ft. Wainwright & Eielson AFB

Check out our summer-themed kits available twice a month on a first-come, first-served basis at the ASYMCA Marketplace. Each kit is designed to take one night of meal planning off your plate. We'll prep everything you need for a quick, easy, and filling meal or treat. Military ID required, no cost.

Date & Time: May 31, June 7, June 28, July 12, July 26, and August 9 from 3:00–5:00p.m.

Who: Currently serving military members. (One per family)

Y On Rails

Statewide

Register for your chance to receive round-trip railroad tickets to a variety of beautiful Alaskan destinations! Select your preferred rail experience at alaska.asymca.org to register. All registrants will be entered into a random drawing. Rail tickets have flexible dates. A special thank you to our partner, Alaska Railroad.

Who: Currently serving military members. (One entry per family)

Cost: No charge

Registration: April 15–30

Random Draw: May 2 (selected registrants will be notified May 6)

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