

Winter 2024-25

YOUR GUIDE TO WINTER

With the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska



NEW! COLLEGE VISIT SCHOLARSHIP

Statewide | Military Teens of Active Duty (E3–E7)

The ASYMCA is partnering with Alaska Airlines and Global Credit Union Foundation to send military teenagers to take a college tour! Two teens will be selected and each will receive two round-trip airline tickets (one for themselves, one for their adult) and a \$500 travel stipend. Interested applicants must register online, then submit a 1-minute video.

- Open to military teens (E3–E7) in grades 10–11
- Applications accepted online November 1–15

FARMERS MARKET

ASYMCA Welcome Center | JBER

Because of a generous donation, we invite you to a Farmers Market at our JBER Welcome Center. Open to currently serving military and their dependents at no charge. Locally grown whole chickens and root veggies will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

- November 25 from 1:00–3:30 p.m.

NEW! HOGWARTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Anchorage Area

Step into the magical world of Harry Potter this Winter Break! Your ticket includes brunch, movie screening, fun prizes, and games. Open to active duty military and their dependents. Tickets required for all participants. Tickets go on sale December 2.

- Matanuska Brewing Company at 2830 C St.
- January 3 from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Open to active duty military and dependents ages 6+

HOLIDAY MEAL INGREDIENTS

JBER, Ft. Wainwright, & Eielson AFB

Stop by our Marketplaces in November and December to check our special holiday shelves! We'll have all the traditional items for a holiday meal. Shelves will also be stocked with ingredients that represent our diverse community.

- Mondays–Fridays, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- November 12–January 10

ICE DOG TICKETS

Fairbanks

Cheer on the Fairbanks Ice Dogs as they hit the rink this winter! Hockey tickets are now on sale at the Ft. Wainwright Bargain Shop.

KICKSLED RENTALS

Eielson AFB & Ft. Wainwright

Experience Alaska winters on a kicksled! Kicksled rentals are available at Eielson through December 31. Kicksleds will be available at Ft. Wainwright from January thru breakup. Kicksleds may be reserved online at alaska.asymca.org/seasonal-programs. Call 907-353-5962 for details.

NEW! ASYMCA PARK MEETUPS

Anchorage & Fairbanks Areas

Join the ASYMCA as we visit different local parks! Held at rotating parks throughout the installations on select Fridays from 2:00–4:00 p.m. No registration required. For a list of park locations, visit alaska.asymca.org. Starts January 2025.



ARMED SERVICES YMCA



MERRY BREAKFAST BUNDLES

JBER, Eielson, & Ft. Wainwright

Enjoy the holidays with a Merry Breakfast Bundle! Holiday baskets include breakfast staples to ensure your family has a tasty start to the holidays.

- Registration opens online December 2
- Pick up is December 17

REINDEER FARM EXPERIENCE

Anchorage Area

Join us at the Reindeer Farm for family holiday fun on December 7! Tickets include tour, photo with Santa, and a craft. Ticket sales open November 15. Call 907-552-9622 to get your tickets.

- December 7 with tours from 3:30–7:00 p.m.
- Tickets: \$15/person (no cost for those under 2)

SALUTE TO THE MILITARY

Nominations Accepted November 15–January 3

The 2025 Salute to the Military will be held February 15 in Anchorage. This event honors 13 junior enlisted service members selected by their command.

We will also honor one civic leader and one military spouse. These two awards are peer-nominated and nominations are accepted starting November 15! Visit alaska.asymca.org to nominate an outstanding civilian or spouse for:

- Bobby Alexander Civic Leader
- Alaska Military Spouse of the Year

TEEN SHOP NIGHT

JBER

Teens, find the perfect presents for your parents at the ASYMCA Bargain Shop during our annual Teen Shop Night! Teens will have special access to Bargain Shops during this event. Powered by Wounded Warrior Project.

- Registration opens December 2
- Event is December 13 from 4:30–6:30 p.m.

NEW! WINTER SPOUSE RETREAT

Anchorage & Fairbanks Area

Rest and recharge with our very first Winter Spouse Retreat! Enjoy friends, food, and fun activities with this daylong retreat. Registration opens December 2. Open to active duty military spouses.

- Anchorage Area: January 17 at Anchorage First Presbyterian Church
- Fairbanks Area: March 1 at Raven's Landing
- Cost: \$80/person



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!

Visit alaska.asymca.org or scan the QR code to learn more or to register for ASYMCA holiday programs.



Questions? Contact us at 907-552-9622 or welcome.center@akasymca.org.

