



2025 SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

Armed Services YMCA of Alaska

YOUR GUIDE TO SUMMER

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

COMBAT FISHING TOURNAMENT

Statewide | May 21

Get ready to get rockfish, halibut, and salmon! The ASYMCA Combat Fishing Tournament honors Alaska's junior enlisted service members with a day of deep-sea fishing in Seward's Resurrection Bay. We'll end the day with awards and a banquet. Alaska fishing license required. Transportation provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Open to junior enlisted (E1-E5) service members permanently stationed in Alaska.

- Cost: \$50/per person
- Alaska Fishing License Required
- **Registration Opens: April 1**

CAMP FIRE ALASKA'S CAMP K ON KENAI LAKE

Statewide | June 23–27, July 14–18, or July 21–25

The Armed Services YMCA of Alaska and Camp Fire Alaska are partnering to send military kids to Camp K! A special thank you to our partner, 7 Stars Foundation.

- Camp Fire Alaska's Camp K on Kenai Lake
- Children ages 6–17 (first time participants only)
- Cost: \$100/camper
- **Registration: April 7–18**



CLEAN UP WEEK

JBER | May 12–16

Join the ASYMCA as we partner with Aurora Military Housing for the annual JBER Clean Up Week! Form a team, then see how many bags of trash you collect. Each bag of trash collected gives your team an entry in our drawing for one of our three cash prize—\$1,000, \$500, and \$250!

- Supply Pick-up: Armed Services YMCA D.H. Cuddy Welcome Center at 10449 Luke Avenue, JBER-Elmendorf. Contact 907-552-9622 for more information.
- **Registration: May 1–13**

POPSICLES IN THE PARK

Statewide | June 3–July 30



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 required. Open to currently serving military families at no charge.

- June 3–July 30 from 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- Park locations rotate each week (JBER on Tuesdays, Eielson on Tuesdays, and Fort Wainwright on Wednesdays)
- Locations available on website and social media

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 summer season dates. A special thank you to our partner, Alaska Railroad.

- Currently serving military members (One entry per family)
- No Cost
- **Registration: April 15–30**
- Random Draw: May 2 (Selected registrants will be notified May 6)

SPACE CAMP

Statewide | July 9–11



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.

- Challenger Learning Center of Alaska in Kenai, AK
- Children entering Grades 6–8
- Bus transportation is available from Anchorage
- Cost: \$100/camper
- **Registration Opens: May 1**

SUMMER IN ALASKA!



Learn more at alaska.asymca.org or scan the QR code to register for summer programs.

RANGER WEEK

MOTHER-SON ADVENTURE

Fairbanks Area | July 18

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

- Open to active duty military moms and sons (ages 6+)
- Cost: \$35/person (includes bus transportation and snack)
- **Registration Opens: May 1**

MOTHER-SON ADVENTURE

Anchorage Area | July 30 or 31

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.*

- Choose from two dates: July 30 or 31
- Open to active duty military moms and sons (recommended for ages 4+)
- Cost: \$45/person
- **Registration Opens: June 3**

Thanks to the Military Families Outdoors grant, we're including Ranger Week activities in this year's Mother-Son Adventures. Ranger Week activities are designed to help us better engage with our Alaska National Parks learning about their history, culture, and environments!

*Experience subject to change based on park availability.



SALMON FISHING DAY TRIP WITH MARK GLASSMAKER

Statewide | July 25

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. Open to active duty female spouses.

- Locations: Kenai/Soldotna
- Cost: \$100/person
- **Registration Opens: June 3**

MILITARY SPOUSE SUMMER CAMP

Statewide | August 1-3

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 partners, ConocoPhillips Alaska and Wounded Warrior Project.

- Camp Fire Alaska's Camp K on Kenai Lake
- Female spouses of active duty military, stationed in Alaska
- Cost: \$100/camper
- **Registration Opens: June 3**

OCEAN SALMON FISHING WITH HOFSTAD FISHING CO.

Statewide | August 11

Fish for salmon in the open ocean! Our guides from Hofstad Fishing Company will take us out on a saltwater adventure, where you'll learn ocean fishing techniques, how to reel in salmon, and tips for handling your catch. Enjoy a day on the water while experiencing the thrill of ocean fishing. Alaska fishing license required. Transportation and lodging not provided. Open to active duty female spouses.

- Cost: \$100
- Location: Valdez, AK
- Registration opens: June 3



SUMMER PROGRAMS

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KENAI RIVER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION JR. CLASSIC

Statewide | August 5 & 6

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. Our Classroom Day is August 5 and our River Day is August 6*. This is a day program. Participants ride the bus from Anchorage to Soldotna.

- Class will be held in Anchorage
- River day will take place in Soldotna, AK
- Children ages 8–16
- **Registration Opens: May 1**
- Cost: \$25 per child
- Special Note: Parent/guardian chaperones needed on August 6. Please indicate your interest during registration.



*Attendees must participate both days.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SNACK BASH

Statewide | August 13



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.

- 1:00–4:00 p.m. (Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and will go until 4:00 p.m. or as supplies last.)
- Locations: ASYMCA Welcome Centers (JBER, FWW, Eielson)
- Who: Entering grades K–12. Kids MUST be present.
- Supplies are first-come, first-served

MARKETPLACE MEAL KITS

Eielson & Fort Wainwright | 2nd Friday of the Month

Make meal times easier! Meal kits are available for pick up every 2nd Friday of the month. Items can be picked up between 2:00–4:00 p.m. at ASYMCA Welcome Centers.

- Meal kits are first-come, first-served
- Starting April 11

ASYMCA Welcome Center Locations & Contact Information

Summer Office Hours: June 1–August 30, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.*

JBER

10449 Luke Ave, JBER
907-552-9622

welcome.center@akasymca.org

Fort Wainwright

1047 Nysteen Rd., FWW
907-353-5962

fairbanks@akasymca.org

Eielson Air Force Base

3301 Broadway Ave., Eielson AFB
907-377-1962

fairbanks@akasymca.org

*Hours may vary based on location. Please call in advance if you have questions.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS FOR MAKING THIS SUMMER POSSIBLE!

