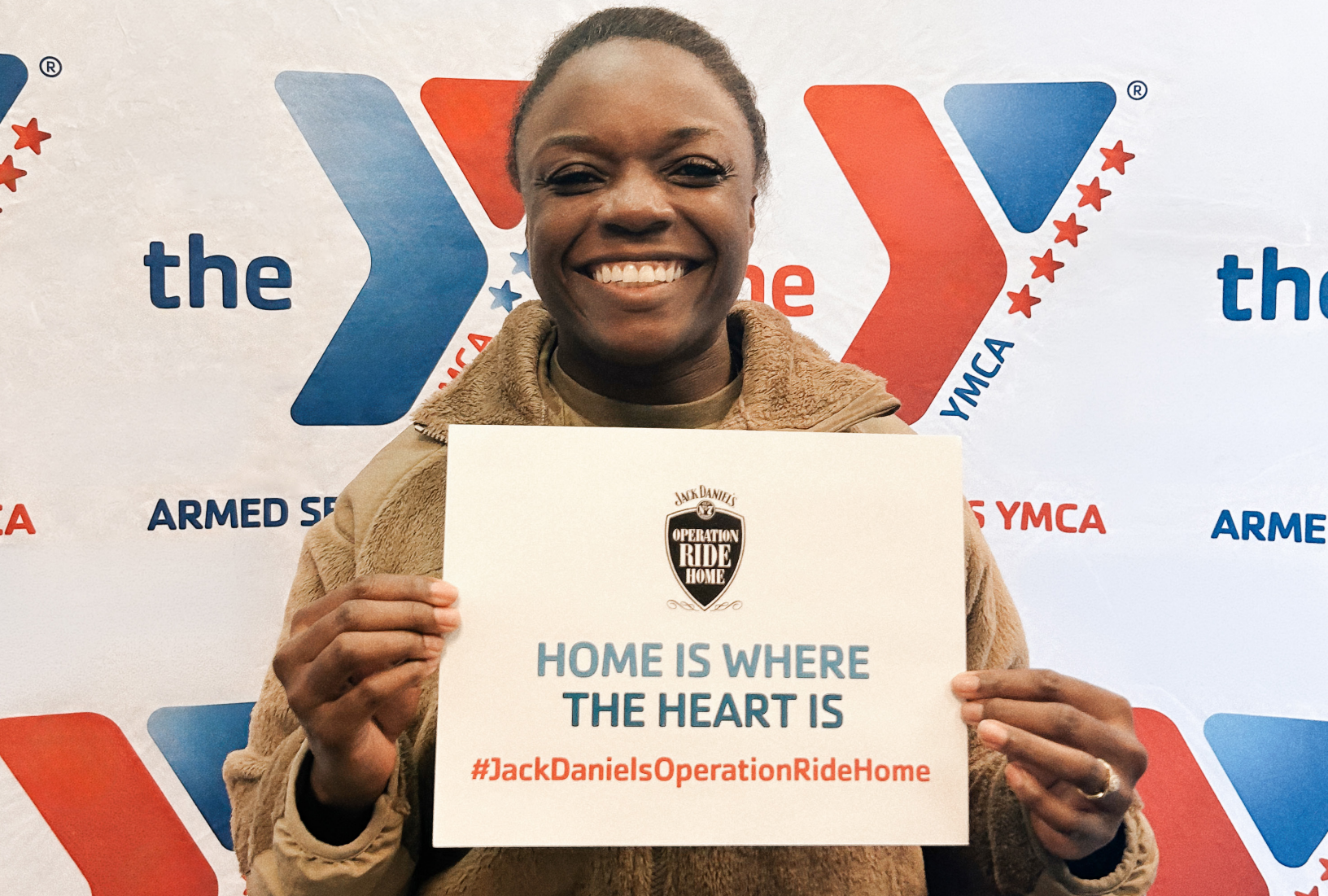




ARMED SERVICES YMCA



2026 FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

Armed Services YMCA of Alaska

YOUR FALL ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

Registration for All Programs Opens August 10.

All programs are open to Active Duty Military members and their families unless noted.

EXTRA CREDIT FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

Statewide | Classroom Teachers

Local classroom teachers with an Active Duty Military ID and Teacher ID can receive a \$25 ASYMCA voucher for Ft. Wainwright, Ft. Richardson, and Elmendorf Bargain Shops. Classroom teachers can use their vouchers on classroom supplies, educational materials, books, organization tools, and learning resources.

Who: Local classroom teachers with an Active Duty Military ID and Teacher ID

Location: Ft. Wainwright, Richardson, and Elmendorf Bargain Shops

Date: August 10–September 11

OPERATION RIDE HOME



Statewide | E1–E5

Spend the holidays with family! The Jack Daniel's and ASYMCA Operation Ride Home program helps junior enlisted active-duty service members and military families with holiday travel costs. Applications are accepted August 10–

September 6, with selected participants receiving up to a \$500 per person flight stipend. Open to active duty stationed in Alaska only. Participants will be notified by September 23.

Applications Dates: August 10–September 6

WINTER GEAR UP

Statewide | All Ranks

Get your child ready for the Alaska winter with ASYMCA's Winter Gear Up! We want school-age children to be as active in the winter as they are in the summer. This program prepares school-age military children for enjoying the outdoors with play-approved snow gear at no cost to military families. Winter Gear Up is made possible through our partners, Delta Air Lines and Big Ray's. Registration for each child is required and is available online for all duty stations in Alaska.

Program Dates:

Eielson AFB: September 11 from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Ft. Wainwright: September 14 from 1:00–6:00 p.m.

JBER: September 21 from 1:00–6:00 p.m.

Note: Ranks E1–E5 have priority registration August 10–15. Open to all ranks on August 16.

WINTER GEAR UP –REMOTE

Statewide | Ranks E1–E5

Military families in remote Alaska locations can participate in Winter Gear Up through our partnership with Delta Air Lines and Big Ray's. We want school age children to be as active in the winter as they are in the summer. Eligible families can request snow gear to help children stay warm and enjoy outdoor play throughout the winter. Registration is required for each child and is available at alaska.asymca.org.

Remote: Registration open from August 10–21

DEPLOYMENT EVENT

JBER | Military Families with Deployed Service Members

Stay connected with your deployed loved one through creativity and connection. Families will create and decorate cards filled with thoughtful messages and reminders of home. This event includes lunch and provides an opportunity to connect with other families navigating deployment while showing support for those serving overseas.

Who: Currently serving military families with deployed service members (6+ months)

Location: JBER ASYMCA Welcome Center

Date & Time: September 16 from 12:00–1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$1 per person

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING MILITARY SPOUSE OR CIVIC LEADER

Statewide | Nomination accepted October 1–November 30

The 50th Annual Salute to the Military celebration will be held in mid-February in Anchorage. Each year, we recognize an outstanding military spouse and civic leader whose service strengthens Alaska's military community. These peer-nominated awards are open from October 1–November 30.

Visit alaska.asymca.org to submit a nomination. Tickets will be available in early December.

Nomination Categories:

Alaska Military Spouse of the Year

Bobby Alexander Civic Leader



ALASKA IN AUTUMN

Get ready to register! Make sure your ASYMCA program account is up to date or create an account at no cost visit alaska.asymca.org.

FATHER DAUGHTER GALA

JBER | All Ranks

Dads and daughters, get ready to dress up! Join us for this year's ASYMCA Father-Daughter Gala. Families can enjoy music, dancing, professional photos, and a memorable evening together.

Location: Arctic Warrior Event Center, 9387 Kuter Ave

Date & Time: October 2 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person

LITTLE EXPLORERS & TINY TREKKERS

JBER | Ages 6–18 months

Connect with local military parents at our weekly ASYMCA playgroups! Led by our early childhood instructors, babies and toddlers will enjoy songs, bubbles, sensory play, and age-appropriate movement activities while parents connect with other military families. Little Explorers is designed for infants ages 6–11 months, while Tiny Trekkers is for toddlers ages 12–18 months, with activities tailored to each stage of development.

Location: JBER Hospital at 955 Zeamer Ave

Date: October 15–November 16

Times: Little Explorers from 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Tiny Trekkers from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per session

MARKETPLACE MEAL KITS

Fairbanks Area | All Ranks

Let us handle dinner tonight with meal kits available through the Marketplace at the ASYMCA. Each kit comes fully loaded with the ingredients and easy to follow recipe cards to cook a great meal at home. Stop by to pick yours up and give yourself a break from meal planning. Registration is required.

Locations:

Ft. Wainwright, 1047 Nysteen Rd. #4

Eielson AFB, 3301 Broadway Ave

Time: First Friday of every month from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

YEAR-ROUND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CHILD WATCH

Eielson AFB & JBER | Active Duty Military Families

Take time for yourself while your child enjoys a safe and engaging space at Child Watch! Designed for children ages 6 months–12 years, Child Watch offers up to two hours of supervised care filled with games, books, toys, and creative activities. Whether you're exercising, attending a meeting, or completing tasks on base, we're here to help.

Location & Times:

Eielson AFB at Baker Field House, 3301 Broadway Ave
8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

JBER inside Global Credit Union, 4846 Westover Ave
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3 per visit

CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM

Eielson AFB & JBER | Active Duty Military Families

Focus on your medical appointment while we care for your child. The Children's Waiting Room provides up to two hours of supervised childcare for children ages 6 months–12 years while parents attend medical appointments on the installation. Children enjoy coloring, reading, and supervised activities in a safe and welcoming environment.

Location & Times:

Eielson AFB at Baker Field House, 3301 Broadway Ave
8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

JBER inside Global Credit Union, 4846 Westover Ave
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

JBER & Fairbanks Area | Ages 3–4

ASYMCA Early Learning Programs provide children with opportunities to learn, grow, play, explore, and connect with the world around them. Programs run September–May. Applications are accepted year-round as space allows. Apply today at alaska.asymca.org.

2026–27 Monthly Tuition:

Age 3: \$150/month

Age 4: \$200/month

One-time \$50 registration fee upon acceptance.

TEEN FALL PROGRAMS

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

COLLEGE TOUR SCHOLARSHIP

Statewide | Military Teens in Grades 11-12

Two military teens and a parent or guardian will be selected for a college tour. Applications are accepted August 10–October 2 and require a one-minute video submission. Visit the Pop-Up Programs page at alaska.asymca.org for details and application information. In partnership with Alaska Airlines and Global Credit Union Foundation.

Applications Dates: August 10–October 2

TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

JBER & Ft. Wainwright | Military Teens in Grades 9-12

Build your resume by volunteering! Join us the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. to volunteer at the ASYMCA Bargain Shops. As a volunteer, you'll receive special Bargain Shop perks! Registration is required. Powered by the Wounded Warrior Project

Bargain Shop Locations:

JBER–Elmendorf, 8515 Saville Ave

JBER–Richardson, 724 Quartermaster Rd.

Ft. Wainwright, 1031 102nd St.

Dates: September 12, October 3, and November 7

Ages: 14–18

WINTER GEAR UP: TEEN PREVIEW NIGHT

JBER | Military Teens Ages 12–18

Get first dibs on this season's winter gear at Teen Preview Night! We are opening doors early just for military teens. Enjoy music, snacks, and early access to winter gear before the larger community event begins.

Locations: ASYMCA Bargain Shop at 724 Quartermaster Dr., Bay Door #9, JBER, AK

Date: September 20 from 4:30–6:00 p.m.

FLEECE, FLANNELS, & FLAPJACKS

Ft. Wainwright | Military Teens Ages 12–17

Throw on your favorite flannel shirt and hang out! We're hosting a Fleece, Flannel & Flapjacks morning just for teens. Teens can customize their fleece blankets, build their own pancake stack, and enjoy a relaxed morning with friends. All supplies are provided. Powered by the Wounded Warrior Project.

Location: Southern Lights Chapel, 4017 8th St, Ft. Wainwright, AK.

Date & Time: October 3 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

ASYMCA Welcome Center Locations & Contact Information

JBER

10449 Luke Ave, JBER

907-552-9622

welcome.center@asymca.org

Ft. Wainwright

1047 Nysteen Rd. #4, FWA

907-353-5962

welcome.center@asymca.org

Eielson Air Force Base

3301 Broadway Ave., Eielson AFB

907-377-1962

welcome.center@asymca.org

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