the ARMED SERVICES YMCA



2026-27 WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE

Armed Services YMCA of Alaska

ASYMCA Welcome Center Locations & Contact Information

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10449 Luke Ave, JBER
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Fort Wainwright
1047 Nysteen Rd., FWA
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Eielson Air Force Base
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Lights, Camera, Action!

Eielson AFB

Celebrate the holiday season with an afternoon of family fun at our holiday movie event! Join us for a screening of Elf at the Ernie Walker Theatre. Bring a blanket, wear your favorite pjs, and settle in for an afternoon filled with popcorn, snacks, and plenty of laughs. Stuffed animals and cozy blankets are welcome!

Date & Time: December 22 from 3:30–6:00 p.m. (Concessions open at 3:30 p.m., movie start time is 4:00 p.m.)
Location: Ernie Walker Theatre, 2518 Central Ave, Bldg. 3309, Eielson AFB
Who: Active-duty military members + dependents
Cost: $5 per person
Registration Required: Opens November 2

Mother-Son Adventure at The Planetarium

Fairbanks Area

Explore the wonders of the universe together at the UAF Museum of the North Planetarium! Active-duty military family mothers and their sons ages 5 and older are invited to enjoy an immersive planetarium experience featuring their choice of two shows while making memories together. In partnership with the University of Alaska Fairbanks

Date & Time January 15
3:00 p.m. "Aurora"
4:00 p.m. "Pretty Cool Space Movie"
Location: UAF Museum of the North Planetarium , 1962 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, AK
Who: Active-duty military family mothers and sons (ages 5+)
Cost: $2 per person
Registration Required: Opens November 2
More Info: No food or drink; ages must be 5+; early arrival required; no late entry

Family Hockey Night with the Nooks

Fairbanks Area

Cheer on the team for a night of hockey! Join the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska for Military Appreciation Night at the Carlson Center. Enjoy the excitement of game day and spend quality time with your military community. An Armed Services YMCA of Alaska food voucher will be provided to each registered participant. In partnership with Global Credit Union.

Dates & Time: December 11, game starts at 7:07 p.m.
Location: Carlson Center, 2010 2nd Ave, Fairbanks, AK
Who: Active-duty military members + dependents
Cost: $10 per person
Registration Required: Opens November 2

Winter Spouse Retreat – Fairbanks

Fairbanks Area

Take time to rest, recharge, and connect with fellow military spouses at our Winter Spouse Retreat in Fairbanks. Enjoy a day of outdoor activities, creative crafts, a mental wellness session with Cohen Clinic, and a food preparation class with Chef Lizzie. This retreat offers an opportunity to focus on your well-being, build connections, and enjoy time for yourself. Powered by Wounded Warrior Project.

Date & Time: January 23, 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Location: Chena Camp, 2702 Bird Avenue, Fairbanks, AK
Who: Female spouses of active duty military
Cost: $55 per person
Registration Required: Opens November 2

Winter Spouse Retreat – Anchorage

Anchorage Area

Make time for yourself at our Winter Spouse Retreat in Anchorage! Enjoy a relaxing day of outdoor activities, creative crafts, and a special dinner while connecting with fellow military spouses. Take a break from your daily routine, recharge, and build meaningful connections with others who understand military life. Powered by Wounded Warrior Project.

Date & Time: January 30, 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Location: Otter Lake Lodge Bldg. 65536, Otter Lake Road, JBER, AK
Who: Female spouses of active duty military
Cost: $55 per person
Registration Required: Opens November 2

Farmers Market

Anchorage Area

Fresh food for military families! Thanks to generous donations, the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska is offering locally grown whole chickens and root vegetables at no cost to eligible military families. Visit the JBER Welcome Center to pick up available items while supplies last. Distribution is first come, first served, so we encourage families to arrive early. An ASYMCA program account is required to participate. Create your no cost account at alaska.asymca.org.

Date & Time: November 23, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: ASYMCA Welcome Center, 10449 Luke Avenue JBER, AK
Who: Active-duty military members + dependents
Registration Required: Opens November 2

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Register online at alaska.asymca.org

Teen Shop Night

Anchorage and Fairbanks Areas

Give the gift of giving this holiday season! Military teens ages 12–17 are invited to shop for their parents at an Armed Services YMCA of Alaska Bargain Shop during our annual Teen Shop Night. Each registered participant will receive a $25 store credit to put toward finding the perfect gifts. Gift wrapping is included, making it easy to surprise your loved ones with something special. Open to dependents of active-duty service members. Powered by Wounded Warrior Project.

Date & Time: December 17 from 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Locations: JBER-Elmendorf, 8515 Saville Ave
JBER-Richardson, 724 Quartermaster Rd.
Ft. Wainwright, 1031 102nd St.
Who: Active-duty military dependents ages 12-17
Cost: No cost
Registration Required: Opens November 2

Teen Volunteer Opportunity

Anchorage and Fairbanks Areas

Build skills, gain experience, and give back to your military community! Teens ages 14–18 are invited to volunteer at Armed Services YMCA of Alaska Bargain Shops on select Saturdays. Help support daily shop operations, gain valuable volunteer experience for your resume, and enjoy special Bargain Shop perks as a thank-you for your time. Powered by Wounded Warrior Project.

Dates & Times: November 7, December 5, January 9 from 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Locations: JBER-Elmendorf, 8515 Saville Ave
JBER-Richardson, 724 Quartermaster Rd.
Ft. Wainwright, 1031 102nd St.
Who: Active-duty military dependents ages 12-17
Cost: No cost
Registration Required: Opens November 2



Marketplace Meal Kits

Fairbanks Area

Make mealtime a little easier with no-cost meal kits from the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska Marketplace! Each kit includes the ingredients to help you prepare a delicious meal at home. Pick up a kit, simplify your meal planning, and enjoy more time around the table with your family. Availability is limited.

Date & Time: January 8 and February 5
Locations: Ft. Wainwright, 1047 Nysteen Rd. #4
Eielson AFB, Baker Field House, 301 Broadway Ave
Who: Active-duty military members + dependents
Registration Required: Opens November 2

Holiday Meal Ingredients

Anchorage and Fairbanks Areas

Make the season a little brighter with holiday meal ingredients from the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska Marketplace. Visit your local ASYMCA office to explore special holiday shelves stocked with traditional meal essentials and ingredients that reflect the diverse cultures and traditions of our military community. Stop by during regular office hours to see what's available. Availability is limited.

Date & Time: November 9 through January 8
Locations: JBER: 10449 Luke Ave
Fort Wainwright: 1047 Nysteen Rd., #4
Eielson AFB: Baker Field House, 301 Broadway Ave
Who: Active-duty military members + dependents
Cost: No cost
Registration Required: Marketplace check-in required

Holiday Train

Anchorage Area

All aboard for holiday magic! Bring the family to enjoy a festive ride aboard an Alaska Railroad holiday train. Meet Santa Claus, capture special family photos, and get creative with holiday crafts during this seasonal outing. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together and make lasting holiday memories. **Each participant must have an individual ticket.**

In partnership with Bettisworth North and the Alaska Railroad
Date & Time: December 13, 2:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
check in is at 1:00 p.m.
Locations: Anchorage Train Depot: 411 W 1st Ave, Anchorage
Who: Active-duty military members + dependents
Cost: $30 per person
Registration Required: Opens November 2

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Salute to the Military–Celebrating 50 Years

Statewide

Join the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska on February 13, 2027, for the 50th Annual Salute to the Military celebration! This milestone event honors 13 outstanding junior enlisted service members from across Alaska who exemplify a commitment to service before self. Selected by their respective branches, these honorees represent the active-duty military branches, National Guard, and Reserve. Be part of an evening celebrating the dedication, leadership, and contributions of Alaska's military community.

Tickets are required. Active-duty service members in pay grades E-1 through E-5 may request complimentary tickets, available while supplies last. Online ticket sales open December 1, 2026.

Date & Time: February 13, Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Locations: Marriot Anchorage Downtown
Who: Open to all
Cost: Please visit our website to learn more



Seasonal Weekly Programs

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

Military Spouse of the Year & Bobby Alexander Civic Leader of the Year Nominations Open

Statewide

Help us recognize the people who make Alaska's military community stronger! Nominate an outstanding military spouse or civilian community leader whose dedication and service make a meaningful difference in the lives of service members and their families. These annual awards celebrate individuals who go above and beyond to support and strengthen our community.

Nominations are accepted October 1 through November 30, 2026. Visit alaska.asymca.org to submit a nomination.

Alaska Military Spouse of the Year: Open to active-duty military spouses stationed and living in Alaska.

Bobby Alexander Civic Leader of the Year: Open to civilian leaders living and working in Alaska.

Kicksled Rentals

Fort Wainwright and Eielson AFB

Get outside and experience an Alaska winter adventure with a kicksled rental from the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska! Reserve a kicksled for up to three days and enjoy exploring snowy trails and outdoor destinations with family and friends. Kicksleds are available at Eielson AFB through December 31 and at Fort Wainwright beginning January 1 through the end of the winter season, while supplies last.

Date: First snow until break up
Locations: Ft. Wainwright, 1047 Nysteen Rd. #4
Eielson AFB, Baker Field House, 301 Broadway
Who: Active-duty military members + dependents
Cost: No cost
Registration Required: Opens November 2

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