

# FORT McCOY ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Army Community Service (ACS) enhances the well-being and quality of life of Fort McCoy military members, Families and civilians by providing real life solutions for successful Army living.

AUGUST 2024

## Upcoming Events & Trainings

### CRAFTING YOUR RESILIENCE

August 3 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

Still space available for a fun-filled morning crafting and exploring the resilience skill of optimism. One hour early start time for EFMP Families with registration. All materials are provided. To register, [email here](#) or call x7262.

### NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

August 14 | 8:00 am - 1:00 pm | McCoy's Community Center (B1571)

Are you new to Fort McCoy? Come and learn what we have to offer. Breakfast is provided. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call x2359.

### CONNECT THE TOTS

August 20 & 27 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

Our playgroup contains toys, books, and other materials to help strengthen each child's cognitive, physical, and creative selves, and to help promote social-emotional skill building. Through play, transitions, circle time and songs and activities, and informal conversations, parents learn about developmental ages and stages, gain tools to help understand their child's behavior and become empowered to prepare the Family and child to enter school "ready to learn". To register, [e-mail here](#) or call x2412.

### ESTATE PLANNING

August 20 | 9:00 am - 10:00 am | Army Community Service (B2111) or via Teams

Join Janeen Folgers, AFC Certified Financial Readiness Specialist, for a comprehensive estate planning seminar. Topics discussed include avoiding estate planning pitfalls; powers of attorney; wills & trusts and planning your legacy. To register, [email here](#) or call x3540.

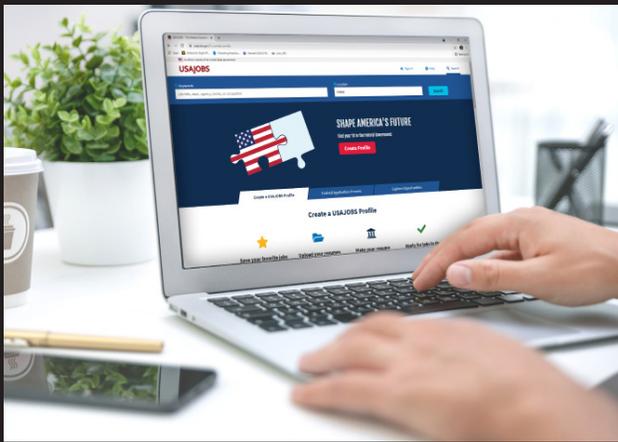


## DID YOU KNOW?

AER promotes financial readiness and helps relieve distress of Soldiers and their Families by providing interest-free loans and grants. AER provides more than 30 categories of assistance to include, housing, personal vehicles and medical expenses not covered by Tricare.

To be eligible, Soldiers need to be on active-duty orders over 30 days or retired from the military (some restrictions apply).

For more details, visit [armyemergencyrelief.org](http://armyemergencyrelief.org) or call Janeen at x3540 or Mike at x6507.



### Employment Readiness Training

## SECRETS OF USAJOBS

August 20 | 12 pm - 2 pm

Microsoft Teams

Want to know more about navigating USAJobs and creating a Federal resume? Join Mr. Rudy Muriel, a veteran who spent over a decade learning to navigate USAJobs to obtain Federal employment after leaving the Military. He now works with the Veterans Administration to provide training to transitioning Service Members, Civilians, and the public on how to navigate and use USAJobs while trying to obtain Federal employment.

[CLICK HERE FOR TEAMS LINK](#)

Dial In: 571-616-7941, Conference ID 908 386 065#

*For more information on the Fort McCoy Employment Readiness Program, call x7262.*

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## **SOLDIER & FAMILY READINESS GROUP (SFRG) TRAINING**

**August 20 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm | Microsoft Teams**

All Command Teams, SFRG Liaisons and SFRG volunteers are encouraged to attend. Topics include defining and understanding mission essential activities as outlined in the regulation; understanding SFRG roles and responsibilities; recognizing non-mission essential activities, resources, and professional development opportunities; obtaining mandated certification, IAW Army regulations and policies. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call x6812.

## **SPIN YOUR OWN WOODEN PEN**

**August 27, September 5, 10 or 19 | 4:00 - 6:30 pm | B1133**

Create a unique, one-of-a-kind pen. Start with a blank block of wood, use the lathe to customize it and finish with a high gloss coat of wax. All materials and instructions are provided. To register, call x3505 at least one week prior to the class.

*Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Service Members are highly encouraged to attend.*

## **FAMILY BUS TRIP TO BABCOCK HALL DAIRY PLANT & BARN**

**August 30 | 8:00 am – 5:30 pm**

Wisconsin is known as “America’s Dairyland”. Dairy is an important part of Wisconsin’s culture. See how ice cream is made, tour a dairy barn and take part in interactive displays. Bus will depart and return to ACS (2111 South 8th Avenue). Admission is free. Lunch on your own. Space is limited. To register, [email here](#) or call x7262. Must be registered by August 21.

## **COMMON MILITARY TRAININGS**

Common Military Trainings are mandatory for all Service Members and are available for those who are coming up on the following milestones in their careers: PCS Moves, Promotions, Marriage, Childbirth, Pre-Deployment & Post-Deployment. Trainings are also provided for life events such as divorce and disabling conditions. Training held on the second Thursday of each month at 9 am. Training held via Microsoft Teams or in person in Building 2111. Contact ACS at x3540 to set up individual, Family or unit trainings.

## **DO YOU HAVE ORDERS TO PCS TO ANOTHER DUTY LOCATION?**

Contact Relocation Readiness at x6712 to get information on your new duty station. Books, maps, and Military Installation booklets are available.

## **NATIONAL GUARD MAKES CHANGES TO CHILD CARE PROGRAM FOR TROOPS DURING DRILL WEEKENDS**

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Wisconsin service members are eligible. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out how to enroll your child.

# AUGUST KINDNESS KORNER

As the back-to-school season begins, let's take this opportunity to spread kindness and positivity within our community. Whether you're a student, parent, teacher, or simply a member of our community, your acts of kindness can make a significant impact.

## Ways to Spread Kindness This School Year:

**SUPPORT STUDENTS:** Encourage and help students as they adjust to their new routines and academic challenges.

**APPRECIATE EDUCATORS:** Show gratitude to teachers and school staff for their dedication and hard work.

**BE INCLUSIVE:** Foster an environment of inclusivity and respect among students and peers.

**VOLUNTEER:** Offer your time and skills to support school activities and programs.

**PRACTICE EMPATHY:** Listen and respond with understanding to those around you.

*Together, we can create a supportive and nurturing environment that sets the tone for a successful and happy school year.*

# Spotlight on Awareness ACS TREE

## THIS MONTH'S THEME: Back to School

*Stop in to pick a filled backpack from underneath the school-themed tree. The colorful lights and decorations remind us of the exciting year of learning and growing about to begin!*

NOTE: Supplies are limited. ACS, located at 2111 South 8th Avenue is open M-F, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, except Federal holidays or unless posted.



What can  
volunteering  
do for you?



- Enhance Your Resume
- Learn Something New
- Sense of Accomplishment
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Have Fun
- Make New Friends
- Add New Job Skills
- Explore a New Career
- Help Someone
- Be Part of a Team
- Feel Proud
- Enhance Public Speaking Skills
- Meet People with Similar Goals

**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FORT McCoy, PLEASE CALL:**

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EMAIL: [Michael.d.larsen8.civ@army.mil](mailto:Michael.d.larsen8.civ@army.mil)  
PHONE: 608-388-6507



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



## *Do you like scaring people?*

If so, Outdoor Recreation has an opportunity to volunteer as a Scare Actor at Pine View Campground's Haunted Trails on August 24 from 5 pm - 11 pm.

Scare Actors will be tasked to a certain area on the Haunted Trail to ensure patrons get the fright of their life!

If you interested in volunteering for this event, send an email to: [alex.d.karis.naf@army.mil](mailto:alex.d.karis.naf@army.mil) or call x3517.