

IN BRIEF

Rock Springs 4-H Center will host five sessions of its annual Family camp this summer.

The 2009 camp dates are: July 3-5, July 10-12, July 31-Aug. 1, Aug. 14-16, and Sept. 4-6. Family camp presents an opportunity for parents and their children to attend a fun-filled adventure set in the natural beauty of Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Each session's agenda may vary slightly, but typical activities include swimming in Rock Springs' Olympic-sized pool, horseback riding on an authentic trail ride with one of Rock Springs' famous palominos; archery, trap or rifle shooting; arts and crafts; canoeing and campfires.

Rock Springs is located 12 miles south and west of Junction City. For more information about Rock Springs or Family camp, call 785-257-3221 or send an e-mail to administration@rocksprings.net.

At Fort Riley's Son Rock Kids Camp, June 8-12, kids will experience an adventure camp like no other. Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts, playing games, making new friends and more. The Fort Riley Religious Education Office is looking for adult volunteers who are willing to share their time and talents with the community.

Rally Point will be closed from July 1 to Nov. 1 for renovations. For more information, call 784-5733.

Current thrift shop hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday with consignments from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Saturday of each month with consignments from 10 a.m. to noon. The Dollar Bag Room will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Fort Riley's Housing Services Office has partnered with the Junction City Board of Realtors and the Manhattan Association of Realtors to provide Fort Riley Soldiers and their Families with information regarding the home buying process. This free, no-obligation service offers information on the availability of homes for sale in the Fort Riley area.

- Home purchasing: Where and how do I start?
Mortgage application procedures
Current interest rates
Various loan types
The local housing market
Stop in and visit the Housing Office from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Carr Hall, Building 45, on Main Post.

Get on the Fort Riley Middle School Teen Center's e-mail list and stay in the loop on activities coming up at the center. Call 239-9222 for more information or to be added.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Fire department joins in campaign for safety

By Col. Richard Piscal GARRISON COMMANDER



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Installation Management Command launched a campaign March 31 to increase awareness of fire prevention across the Army. The Fort Riley Fire Department has jumped right in with increased participation in activities around post.

Firefighters have taken many of our children through their fire safety house, which teaches children how to safely get out of their homes in the event of a fire. And many civilian employees and Soldiers may have received visits from the fire department doing fire safety inspections in their buildings.

In concert with IMCOM, I join Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services in their efforts to increase awareness of fire dangers and encourage all Soldiers, Family members, civilian employees and contractors to practice fire safety. In addition, barracks residents need to be aware of the valuable fire and life safety features available to them.

The primary purpose of automatic fire alarms is to warn building occupants through early detection of fire and the products of combustion. A

fire alarm system warns occupants of fire conditions and alerts them to evacuate and notify the fire department. Even though some modern fire alarm systems may be extremely complex, their main purpose remains the same - to warn occupants of danger.

Many of today's fire alarm systems go beyond the objective of warning occupants by audible or visual alarm. They can automatically control heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems for smoke control, pressurize stairwells, override elevators for fire department use, activate fire suppression components and notify the fire department to respond. Common types of alarm devices include: Audible alarms - bells, horns, sirens, voice announcement systems and other devices that can be distinguished above and apart from the normal sound level within the workplace.

Visual devices - strobe lights, which use high intensity flash tubes. These are ideally suited for areas where high ambient light levels make traditional rotating or flashing lights difficult to distinguish or where ambient noise makes audible signals difficult to hear. Smoke detectors - one of the most important fire safety devices for the barracks or your home is the smoke detector. The primary job of the smoke detector is to protect you from fires while you are asleep. That is the reason the smoke detectors are located in individual barracks sleeping rooms, common areas and hallways.

These systems usually provide sufficient warning to permit effective evacuation. All of these alarm devices are there to provide you the time to escape should a fire occur. Smoke alarms in barracks are tied into the building's fire alarm system. When activated, they automatically send a signal to the Consolidated 911 Dispatch Center at Fort Riley.

Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services are immediately dispatched. Whenever an alarm sounds, remember to get out immediately and never re-enter a building unless directed to do so by the fire department.

When deaths occur during a fire, most of them actually are caused by smoke inhalation - not by contact with the flames. These deaths are avoidable in most cases. You should never disable any smoke alarm or think that any alarm is a prank or false. Disabling or removing these detectors also sends a signal to the 911 Center. Fire and life safety equipment in the barracks are necessary to protect life and property. In the event of a fire, this very well may be your only warning. Not only is tampering with or disabling fire safety equipment and smoke detectors prohibited, it is punishable under Kansas Statutes and the Uniform Code of Military Justice - and it puts everyone's life at risk.

For an alarm system to be effective, you must have an emergency action plan that addresses how residents will be informed that an emergency exists and how they should respond. The alarm system must inform all personnel that there is an emergency and what they need to do to stay safe. This plan should include: Knowing the location of portable fire extinguishers and fire alarm devices; Evacuation and fire reporting procedures

- A common evacuation point and accountability procedures
Dialing 911 to report the emergency

In your home, make sure to check the batteries in your smoke detectors regularly. A common method to keep the smoke detector batteries fresh is to change them at the same time you change your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. Also, have an emergency plan in place for your family. Make sure your children know how to get out and where they should meet you once they are safely out of your home.

Fire systems are there for your safety and those around you. As we continue our fire safety campaign across Fort Riley in the coming months, please take the time to think twice about fire safety, and remember the life you save, may be your own. Get out, stay out and stay safe.

For more information on fire safety, visit http://www.riley.army.mil/Unit-Page.aspx?unit=DES.Fire.

If you would like to comment on this article, or suggest a topic to be covered in the Community Corner, e-mail rle.post.newspaper@conus.army.mil.



Paula Nardella, 1 PDS1 Recipients of scholarships from the Fort Riley Combined Scholarship Board line up on the stage at Patton Hall with Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley. The FRCSB presented more than \$20,000 in scholarships to college students, military spouses and high school seniors.

Board awards \$20,000 in scholarships to students, spouses at Fort Riley

By Paula Nardella STAFF WRITER

The Fort Riley Combined Scholarship Board awarded more than \$20,000 to college students, military spouses and high school seniors May 6 during a ceremony at Patton Hall.

After a welcome by committee chairperson Stacy Tyler and the invocation by treasurer Callie Kostelich, Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley had some remarks.

"I'm excited about being able to do these presentations because it signifies achievements to come and achievements that have been done," he said.

After Brooks finished speaking, the awards were handed out. Recipients walked across the stage and were handed a check and certificate. Each group, spouses, current college students and graduating seniors then posed for a group photo.

Although most of the scholarships were for \$1,000, one person from each group was awarded \$2,000 and one senior received \$1,500.

Fort Riley-Kansas State University Scholarships and activity scholarships also were given out in addition to the money provided by FRCSB.

Scholarship contributors recognized after the presentations were the Association of the U.S. Army on behalf of Brig. Gen. Perry and Annette Wiggins, Col. Jeffrey and Caroline Ingram, Foot Locker of Junction City, The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses' Club, the Fort Riley Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club, the Thrift Shop, the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley, Konza Construction, the Military Officers Association of America, First Command, Junction City Geary County Military Affairs Council, Lt. Col. Joel and Stacy Tyler, and Pioneer Services.

Other FRCSB committee members were publicity chairperson, Lizzie Wilbeck; judges chairperson, Lefy Wallace; senior advisor Lt. Col. Susan Arnold; high school liaison Sandy Barber; and corresponding secretary Denine McCarell.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

The following USD 475 events and activities are slated for May 16 through May 22:

SATURDAY, MAY 16 Junction City High School: Boys' varsity tennis at estate, TBA.

MONDAY, MAY 18 Junction City High School: Varsity golf regionals at home, TBA. Varsity baseball at regionals, TBA. Girls' varsity soccer at regionals, TBA. Varsity softball at regionals, TBA.

Junction City Middle School Dr. Miller retirement open house, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 19 Junction City High School: Varsity baseball at regionals, TBA. Girls' varsity soccer at regionals, TBA. Varsity softball at regionals, TBA. Franklin Elementary outstanding citizen lunch, 11:30 a.m. Jefferson Elementary PTO meeting, 4 p.m.

Junction City Middle School: Fort Riley Middle School and Junction City Middle School combined choir concert, 7 p.m. Retirement open house, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., McClure and Workman.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 Fort Riley Middle School physicals, 8 a.m. Junction City High School: Varsity baseball at regionals, TBA.

Varsity softball at regionals, TBA.

Keith L. Ware Elementary fifth-grade promotion, 6 p.m. Washington Elementary DARE and fifth-grade graduation, 6:30 p.m. Junction City Middle School renaissance kids to Worlds of Fun.

THURSDAY, MAY 21 Junction City High School: Varsity baseball at regionals, TBA. Girls' varsity soccer at regionals finals, TBA. Varsity softball at regionals, TBA. Underclass awards night, 7 p.m.

Fort Riley Middle School: Physicals, 8 a.m. Awards program, 7 p.m. Fort Riley Elementary: Talent show, 1:00 p.m. PTA board, 3:45 p.m. Keith L. Ware Elementary kindergarten through fifth grade field day. Junction City Middle School final band concert for sixth through eighth grade, 7 p.m. Washington Elementary kindergarten through fifth grade field day.

FRIDAY, MAY 22 Junction City High School: Girls' varsity swim state at Hummer, TBA. Varsity track regionals at Washburn Rural, TBA. Westwood Elementary: SFA reading celebration. August birthday lunch with principal. Milford Elementary field day. Fort Riley Elementary fun day.

AT THE MOVIES

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tickets cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

- May 15 - Knowing, PG-13
May 16 - 12 Rounds, PG-13
May 17 - Observe and Report, R
May 21 - Knowing, PG-13

For more information, call Barlow Theater at 239-9574.

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