



The Fall Apple Day Festival will be held Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Artillery Parade Field on Main Post's Schofield Circle.

POST FILE PHOTOS

Fall Apple Day Festival events to take place at new location

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As the leaves start turning in the autumn air, it is once again time for the Fall Apple Day Festival at Fort Riley.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Artillery Parade Field on Main Post's Schofield Circle.

It has been moved from its location in years past because Cavalry Parade Field currently is under construction.

Many activities, attractions and events will be offered by organizations on post.

The Garrison Safety Office will be offering an All-Terrain Vehicle Rodeo during the festival. They will have eight ATVs available for the event — four for adults and four for children.

Children, six and older, will be able to learn about safety gear and develop ATV riding skills under the supervision

of trained instructors, said Rick Hearson, Garrison Safety Office manager.

Personal protective equipment will be provided, but people must be wearing closed-toe shoes or boots in order to participate.

Soldiers and employees of the Garrison Safety Office will be on hand to assist.

This is the second year the ATV Rodeo has been offered as part of the Fall Apple Day Festival.

"It was a pretty big hit last year so we decided to do it again," Hearson said.

WELLNESS EVENTS

Also at the Fall Apple Day Festival will be wellness tents organized by the Medical Department Activity and Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Three tents will be offered: a wellness tent, lab tent and an influenza tent. The wellness tent will have dieticians

on site and someone to explain Tricare Online and how to use it. This tent also will offer self care information on smoking and men's and women's health issues. Dental Activity representatives also will be in this tent handing out floss and leading a game.

The lab tent will feature glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure screenings by lab personnel.

Vaccines will be available in the flu tent. The flu vaccine available is for the seasonal flu, not for the H1N1 flu. To receive a vaccination, individuals must prove they are a beneficiary. People must bring their ID card. A computer system will be available to verify their beneficiary status. There also will be a vaccination for HPV available.

In addition to the tents, MEDDAC and IACH will be offering a medical simulation training center static display and an ambulance display.

Sgt. Alana Hensley, operations non-commissioned officer at IACH, said the key to the MEDDAC and IACH exhibits is to support the Army's National Preparedness Month.

"Caring for yourself starts with you. So the more you're educated the more you know how to care for yourself. By stopping by our tents, it's a fun and interactive way to do that," Hensley said.

RECREATIONAL EVENTS

Another interactive activity available during the Fall Apple Day Festival is an obstacle course.

The course will have Soldiers at each obstacle to offer assistance. Participants will be given instructions and will receive assistance with the course based on their age or ability. Participants will receive a medal after completion of the course.

A Multiple Integrated Laser System range also will be showcased at the fes-

tival. The range will be organized by the 1st Brigade. MILES includes sensors worn on the head and torso and a laser transmitter that attaches to weapons. The weapon is fired using blanks. A transmitter then shoots a light beam that hits sensors on the target. The demonstration is being done to entertain and familiarize the public with the Army's modern weapons.

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation will play a large part in the Fall Apple Day Festival, as they are sponsoring numerous events throughout the day. They will be organizing a fun run, treasure hunt and an expo tent the day of the festival.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FMWR also is putting on a concert by Russell Sawyer and the Lost Cause, an alternative country band.

"We kind of wanted to go with a different direction as far as country music," said Travis Engle, FMWR recreation specialist. "We are already going to have the 1st Infantry Division rock band. We are trying to do a variety of music."

FMWR also will be providing a petting zoo with burryard animals including pig-bellied pigs, goats and more.

Together with Child, Youth and School Services, FMWR also will be providing inflatables for children's entertainment.

"There's so much variety available here. ... Whatever you're interested in, there's going to be something out there for you," Engle said.

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

The 97th Military Police Battalion will add variety to the event with military working dog demonstrations at 10 a.m.,

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Apply Day perfect opportunity to visit post

By Col. Kevin Brown
GARRISON COMMANDER

While Fort Riley is open to visitors each day of the year, the Fall Apple Day Festival provides a great opportunity for visitors and residents alike to see everything Fort Riley has to offer in one location.

Head out post Sept. 19 and follow the signs to Artillery Parade Field where you'll be able to climb on tanks, fire weapons used by Soldiers, check out helicopters, eat apple pie and experience many other Army-related activities.

Besides the hands-on activities, the Expo Tent will be full of organizations from across post, such as the Environmental Office. Stop by their booth and find out about hunting and fishing opportunities on post. Information, Ticketing and Registration will have brochures for the numerous travel deals offered through their office. This is a great time to take advantage of the new

expanded flights out of Manhattan Airport direct to a major hub at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will showcase many of their programs as well as run a petting zoo for the children. Stop by

and find out what they have to offer you and your family. Many of their facilities and activities, such as the golf course and bowling alley are open to the public.

We encourage our off-post neighbors to come and enjoy our facilities. Make sure to stop by the Expo Tent to find out what's available to you on post. Activities for children will include an obstacle course and ATV Rodeo. Our Family Readiness Groups will fill a tent with food items for sale, so come

hungry. Bands are schedule to provide entertainment and the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and the military police K-9 teams will provide demonstrations.

Also, if you need to cool off during the day, head indoors to the U.S. Cavalry and 1st Infantry Division museums on Main Post. At the museums you will be able to experience the rich history of Fort Riley and learn about the Army's oldest and most decorated division, the 1st Infantry Division, the "Big Red One."

I highly encourage all of our community members to visit our post. Part of what keeps our Families Army Strong is being supported by the strong communities in which many of them live. The Fall Apple Day Festival is a chance for us not only to show off Fort Riley to its newest residents, but also to educate the community on what we, their neighbors, do each day.

Getting on post could not be easier.

Just drive up, show your government issued photo ID card, and you are through the gate. Pick up a map of the activities available on post at the gate as you come through. Watch for the signs and the traffic controllers and they will direct you to the nearest available parking.

Parking is free. Everything is free, except the food and beverages. So pack up the car and come on out to Fort Riley and enjoy all we have to offer.

Artillery Parade Field will be packed with activities, Families and fun. Like many on Fort Riley, this will be my first year to experience the annual Fall Apple Day Festival. I plan to have a piece of apple pie and see all there is to see. I encourage everyone on post and off to come and do the same.

If you have comments on this article or a suggested topic for the Community Corner, e-mail riley.post.newspaper@com.us.army.mil.

Get apple pie, whole or by the slice.

EARLY BIRD RUN
Kick your Apple Day/Fall Festival off right and win!
Participate in the run and be entered into a drawing for prizes.
SEP 19
Meet at MWR tent located at the corner of Pershing Ave & Godfrey Ave
8:00am Register / Sign Liability Waiver
8:30am Start Run
Just show up to participate in this free and fun 1.12 mile course.
Must be finished by 9am.
The race is not a timed event and is not a competition.
Families are welcome!
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)
For questions please call
785 239 6398

FALL APPLE DAY FESTIVAL
FORT RILEY, KANSAS

Shuttle Parking and Event Location Map

MAP KEY:
 Shuttle Service
 Additional Parking and Shuttle service will be provided to and from King Field House and Riley's Conference Center
 Event Location

Event Layout Map

MAP KEY:
 Apple Pie Sales Tent
 Command Tent
 Restrooms
 First Aid Stations
 Riley Bear Paw Locations