

COMMUNITY CORNER

# Post plans events geared toward military children, young adults

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GARRISON COMMANDER

April – Month of the Military Child – is quickly approaching. But April is not the only time we celebrate our military children. In one day in March alone, we have two excellent events planned for military youth – a resiliency academy and a job fair.

The Resilient Youth Academy, a series of interactive workshops intended to improve youth's coping skills, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 9 in Building 7285 on

Custer Hill. The entire event is designed to specifically address the unique challenge of military children.

Topics to be discussed at the academy include moving, deployment, communication skills, friendship, peer pressure, suicide prevention, anti-bullying, financial skills and job readiness.

The academy is a ground-



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breaking program, adapted from Fort Riley's own Resilient Spouse Academy, which was noted by the U.S. Army as a best practice. The Resilient Youth Academy is dynamic and interactive. It also allows youth an opportunity to be heard.

For more information or to register, contact Eric Childs, school liaison officer, at 785-239-1648 or eric.r.childs@us.army.mil. Parents must complete a short form for each child participating.

That afternoon, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., young adults, 15 to 21 years, may attend the

Youth Job Fair at the Forsyth Neighborhood Center, 22900 Hitching Post Road.

Junction City, the City of Manhattan and Picerne Military Housing are among about 20 employers signed up who will be offering job opportunities ranging from lawn care and life guarding jobs, to employment at bowling alleys and movie theaters.

Both seasonal, part-time and full-time employment will be offered.

Employment – even if just a short summer job – is a great learning experience for youth. It teaches responsibil-

ity and leadership, and, not to mention, it looks great on applications for future jobs, scholarships or college.

For more information on the job fair, contact Jeff Reade, program manager, Employment Readiness Program, Army Community Services, at 785-239-4752 or jeff.b.ream@us.army.mil.

Those seeking assistance with preparing a resume or preparing for a job interview can contact ERP at 785-239-9435.

More than 1.7 million children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in

the armed forces.

Our children play an important role in our Army family. They are often our support system. They are stronger than we know, and they are our future. These opportunities will help them be more resilient toward the challenges of military life and will help create more well-rounded individuals.

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## New guide lists K-State among best value university in nation

K-STATE MEDIA RELATIONS

MANHATTAN – A new guide lists Kansas State University as one of the top undergraduate schools in the nation offering excellent academics, generous financial aid and/or a relatively low cost of attendance.

The university is included in "The Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition," a new book by the Princeton Review that identifies the top 75 public and top 75 private colleges and universities as true values when it comes to getting a quality education.

"It's a big deal for Kansas State University to be singled out among the nation's best for affordability and value," said Pat Bosco, university vice president for student life and dean of students. "With more than 250 academic programs and majors, award-winning and caring faculty, and a dedicated student life staff, our students find the educational opportunities and services they need to succeed. "Our record-breaking enrollment this fall shows we are not only the university of choice in Kansas, but our affordability

and great classroom experience are making us a valued choice in the Midwest and beyond."

The guide draws attention to the fact that Kansas State University helps its students with more than \$16 million in scholarships awarded each year, and that seven out of 10 students receive financial aid, scholarships, work-study or a combination of them. The university's in-state tuition is recognized as a great deal in the guide. Also highlighted is that doctoral-level instructors teach most of the courses offered by the university.

Schools were selected for the new guide on analyses of data collected from an initial list of 650 institutions the Princeton Review identified as having excellent academics. More than 30 data points were assessed across three primary areas: academics, cost of attendance and financial aid. Cost and financial aid data came from the Princeton Review's fall 2011 surveys of school administrators. Data on academics came from its fall 2010 through fall 2011 surveys of school administrators. The Princeton Review also factored

in data from surveys of students who shared assessments of their professors and their satisfaction with their financial aid awards.

"We commend Kansas State University and all of the extraordinary colleges on our 2012 'Best Value Colleges' list for all they are doing to keep costs down and/or offer generous aid to applicants with financial need – all while maintaining excellent academic programs," said Robert Franek, Princeton Review's senior vice president/publisher and lead author of "The Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition."

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### TASTY TREATS



Stephanie Hoff | 1ST INF. DIV. Keyleigh Ballesteros, Girl Scout Troop 7049, right, hands a box of donated Girl Scout cookies to a Fort Riley Warrior Transition Battalion Soldier, left, Feb. 23 at Fort Riley. Twenty-two boxes of various cookies were collected by the scouts to donate to the Soldiers through the club's Cookie Share donation program. The promotion allows purchased boxes of cookies to be donated to the Girl Scouts' organization of choice.

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