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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT CONNECTS GEOGRAPHICALLY-DISPERSED MILITARY TEENS

ATHENS, Ga., (Nov. 16, 2015) – The Joint Reserve Component Teen Leadership Summit is a 6-day, 5-night camp for 14-18 year old dependent teens of current Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Navy Reserve, Marine Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard members. The Summit is held each summer at the Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega, Ga.; summit dates are announced each year in early March. Teens participate in daily high adventure activities including a climbing wall, rappelling down a rock-face, whitewater rafting, and other high-rope elements.

The Summit provides teens with an opportunity to meet other military youth from around the globe and share experiences while making new friends. The program aims to introduce military teens to their parents' military service branch while also highlighting the growing joint nature of their work. Teens focus on growth and development in personal leadership skills, while learning core military values and traditions to gain a greater appreciation of all service branches.

Airfare, transportation while at the Summit, camp fees, and meals are covered by funding provided by the Office of Secretary of Defense – Military Community and Family Policy. Costs incurred driving the teen to and from the airport, baggage fees, and additional spending money for snacks/souvenirs and meals during airline travel are the responsibility of the family. Teens must complete an online registration form at www.georgia4h.org/jointreservesummit/.

Adult chaperones, with military affiliation, are needed to support the youth camp experiences. Adults interested should be comfortable working in an outdoor environment and complete the Adult Leader application package at www.georgia4h.org/jointreservesummit/.

Funding for Military Teen Adventure Camps has been made available through a partnership between the Department of Defense, Office of Military Community & Family Policy and the United States Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food & Agriculture. 4-H is the youth development program of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. For more information about this or any other 4-H Military Programs activity, you may call the State 4-H Office at (706) 542-4444, or visit us at www.georgia4h.org/military.

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