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AFR/ANG TEEN LEADERSHIP SUMMITS GIVE AIR FORCE TEENS A VOICE

ATHENS, Ga., (Oct. 21, 2015) – The Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summit is a week-long camp for 14-18 year old dependent teens of current Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard military members. Two Summits are held each year – the Classic Teen Leadership Summit is held at the Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega, Georgia; the Adventure Teen Leadership Summit is held at Cheley Colorado Camps in Estes Park, Colorado. Summit dates are announced each year in early March. Daily activities differ between summits and include: high ropes, zip line canopy tour, white-water rafting, hiking, archery, mountain biking, horseback riding, and woodworking.

Throughout the week, teens focus on leadership development and self-confidence, learn about programs and services available to Air Force dependents, and build an appreciation for a sense of belonging to the Air Force community. Teens from all across the county are given a voice to inform Air Force senior leadership of their top issues as Air Force dependents. Former participant Christina Wood states, “Being with other kids who are from Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard families was more that helpful. It really made me feel like finally someone understands exactly what I’m talking about.”

Transportation, lodging, meals, and program costs while at the summit are centrally funded at no cost to participants or their units or installations. 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 <http://georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit/>.

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 <http://georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit/>.

The Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits are funded by the USAF Airman and Family Services. 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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