

TO: Interested Families

FROM: Laura Goss, GA 4-H Military Liaison

DATE: March 4, 2022

RE: Military Resiliency Event: Georgia 4-H Military Partnership Event

Georgia 4-H, Georgia National Guard Family Program, Dobbins ARB Family Support Center, and Project YES! are providing this exciting club for 8-14-year-olds military dependents to engage in healthy living lessons and skills that build their individual resiliency skills! Project YES! interns will be leading the interactive lessons. Participants will be supported by caring adults from each partner group and teen leaders from the Georgia National Guard State Youth Program. This event will be an in-person event at Dobbins Air Reserve Base at Verhulst Hall.

# **Dates at a Glance**

**Gub Registration, Virtual form, and Code of Conduct Deadline: Monday, April 11th** 

Medical Form Due on or by: April 16th

Event Time: 9 AM - 4 PM

### Registration cost(s) and fees: FREE

Registration fees are covered by the Department of the Air Force 4-H Military Partnership Program, which is supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, 4-H National Headquarters; U.S. Department of the Air Force Child and Youth Programs; and the Cooperative Extension 4-H Program through grant funding at Kansas State University. The program is also supported by Project Yes!.The grant covers refreshments, supplies, and insurance for participants.

The event is open to any 8-13-year-old military dependents connected to Dobbins ARB. Civilians working on Dobbins ARB children can also attend the event. Registration is now open and will remain open until Monday April 11, 2022, (at 5:00 pm). Contact Laura Goss at laurwalt@uga.edu with questions. Applicants will be managed on a rolling acceptance.

**Step 1:** Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/resReg16">https://bit.ly/resReg16</a>

# **Step 2:** Code of Conduct

Please complete the Code of Conduct form prior to the event or before drop off. We will have COC forms onsite as needed, but to expediate drop off we recommend filling out the form in advance. You submit forms in advance by filling out electronically or completing then scanning in. Email completed forms to laurwalt@uga.edu



### Step 3: Medical Form:

A Medical Information and Release Form (MIRF) should be completed for each youth participant. The Medical Information and Release Form should be sent to Laura Goss at <a href="mailto:laurwalt@uga.edu">laurwalt@uga.edu</a>. Details about the Georgia 4-H Medical Information and Release Form <a href="mailto:can be found here">can be found here</a> along with the official <a href="mailto:medication">medication</a> form, which is due on or before April 16<sup>th</sup>. Medication form is only required if participant will receive medicine at the event.

### **Event Location:**

Dobbins ARB at Verhulst Hall

- Driving Instructions:
  - o Go through the main front gate, ID access is required
  - Verhulst Hall is the first building on your right
    - Verhulst Hall, Building Number: 813
- If you are having a hard time locating the building the day of contact Laura Goss at 404-783-8514

### Schedule:

The Resiliency event will run from 9 AM - 4 PM. From 9 AM - 3 PM youth will participate in interactive lessons and activities led by Project Yes! interns. Parents are invited to join the final hour of the program from 3 PM - 4 PM. The Army National Guard State Youth Council members will be sharing prepared personal resiliency speeches with the group. Light refreshments and a social will conclude the event.

Parent Drop Off: 9 AM

Parent and Youth Speech and Social: 3 PM

**Event Concludes: 4 PM** 

If any changes occur to the schedule, we will inform families via email. If a change occurs the day of all information will be communicated to parents at drop off.

### Georgia 4-H Statement of Illnesses/Communicable Diseases:

The goal of Georgia 4-H is for participants to arrive at events and activities healthy. Georgia 4-H reserves the right to not admit those who are ill or pose a communicable disease risk. If participants arrive at a 4-H event/activity ill or pose a communicable disease risk, parent/guardian will be required to pick them up immediately. Similarly, if symptoms develop while at the event/activity, parent/guardian will also be responsible for timely pick up.

Some events may include a pre-screening process. When that requirement is in place, it will be communicated with other event details. This is not a requirement currently for the Military Resilient event, but if changes occur parents will be notified.

Communicable illnesses\* include, but are not limited to head lice, pink eye, mononucleosis, strep throat, flu, or ring worm.

\*Specific procedures exist in response to COVID-19 and are communicated within individual events and activities.

### Adult Volunteer Requirements & Responsibilities

Georgia 4-H Club leaders follow the UGA Minors on Campus and Georgia 4-H policies to ensure the safety of



youth and educators. Volunteers/staff working with youth must complete a background investigation with positive results including to positive references and participate in a risk management training prior to engaging with youth. These measures help us fulfill our duty to safeguard the youth we serve. Failure to follow these procedures risks violating the Minors on Campus and Georgia 4-H policies with potentially severe consequences. All Risk Management related forms may be found at:

http://www.georgia4h.org/riskmanagement. Georgia 4-H encourages parents and community members to participate in youth programing. If you are interested in volunteering contact Laura Goss at laurwalt@uga.edu.

# **Accommodations**

If an individual with a disability may require assistance or accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Laura Goss (laurwalt@uga.edu) at least two weeks prior to the event. We are happy to make appropriate arrangements to support all learners and abilities.

# <u>Acknowledgements</u>

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Mrs. Laura Goss, Georgia 4-H Military Liaison

### The following items can be found on the 4-H Military Upcoming Events Page

We are glad you registered or are thinking about registering for this event. We are including the following link, which includes event advertisement resources in case you would like to share with others.

Link for resources: https://bit.ly/dobbins16

### Reminders to complete for registering:

4-H Medication Form (Required by April)

Registration Link (required)

### **4-H Enrollment**

- Includes demographic information (Required)
- Code of Conduct Form (Required)
  - Email for consent will be sent to the primary parent email address listed in GA 4-H
    Enrollment after the registration form is completed

### Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Goss, 4-H Military Liaison 706.542.4444

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