

# GREAT STORIES



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## Unwavering Support

McKenzie Tankersley

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THANK YOU FOR COMING TO CAMP!

GEORGIA  
4-H VOLUNTEERS

During May, McKenzie Tankersley, an AmeriCorps VISTA service member serving with the Georgia 4-H State Office and UGA Extension, has continued to support the 4-H Military Partnership Partnership and Georgia 4-H volunteers.

McKenzie has provided the 4-H Military Partnership with unwavering support. This month, McKenzie created a formatted camp schedule in a Word document for Military Liaison, Laura Goss, to utilize this year at Joint Extreme Summit Camp and in the future. In addition to the scheduling tool,

McKenzie has cultivated a volunteer appreciation plan and budget for two military-dependent camps this summer. This plan includes small tokens of appreciation that McKenzie will help pilot throughout the first camp week for Laura to model the following week. In addition to the appreciation plan, McKenzie has also created a postcard template to be sent after the joint extreme camp to go hand in hand with the week-long appreciation. With this volunteer camp appreciation plan and postcard, McKenzie hopes this will help with volunteer retention and possibly will be adopted by other counties as well! Comparative to McKenzie supporting Military Partnership specific camps, she has also been working to create resources to support military installations. McKenzie has generated a rough draft of a club meeting guide for military installations. She hopes to continue to work on this, get it published, and distribute it across Georgia later this year. While McKenzie has continued to support the military partnership, she has also supported other projects to support volunteers.

While McKenzie has aided the 4-H Military Partnership, she has also continued to work on volunteer-related resources. A draft of the volunteer in-school program guide has been created. While McKenzie will be facing camp pressures within the partnering office of Columbia County, she hopes to be able to provide a completed rough draft for review in the coming month of June. In addition to the in-school programming guide, McKenzie is also building a volunteer appreciation guide. The goal is to provide staff across Georgia with new or different ways to show appreciation and thanks to their volunteers while hopefully curating a long-term positive retention rate of volunteers in their area.

Jane Doe,

I wanted to extend a thank you for giving our military-dependent youth your time this summer at camp!

Maybe make reference to something they may have done or participated in to make it personal?

Or make a generic statement from the students or the impact the volunteer may have made or volunteers make in general every summer?

Make reference to if they would like to volunteer throughout the year or next summer to reach out or follow online code

Thank You!

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