

Children and Youth
November 2024 Bulletin

As we enter our holiday season, our Children & Young program continues to offer ideas to assist units to become the community “go to” that makes an impact for our children, I would like to focus on the activities for the coming month of December. Stay in communication with and coordinate with your local school. What is the one thing that you do that touches and makes a difference for the military families and children of your community?

What can you do?

Participate in your unit’s holiday package from home program. Collect needed items such as: toothbrushes, floss, toothpaste, socks, prepackaged foods with longer expiration dates, and small stuffed animals. Place the handmade cards and various artwork from the children in the care package. This will be a welcome gift from home.

Promote your local school’s program such as: “Cookies with Santa” by inviting volunteers to be elves and Mrs. Claus and handing out candy canes, or their “Holiday Chorus Recital” by volunteers offering to usher families to their seats. Remember by posting on your social media and by contacting your local media for coverage we are staying in the spotlight of how we help our military families here at home.

Plan and implement activities that work with the community and the schools – example: find a contact at the local high school ask if they need gently worn formal wear and accessories for the various high school dances and events.

Continue to participate with the PTO, by discovering and fulfilling their needs. Volunteers are always needed.

Future bulletins will include more recommendations and information on activities and awards for the Children and Youth Program.

In the Spirit of Service, not Self,
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