



Month of the Military Child: April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Did you know... April has been designated as Month of the Military Child since 1986?</p>	<p>Did you know... Deployment can affect youth both psychologically and physically?</p>	<p>Did you know... The U.S. military has been an All Volunteer Force since 1973?</p>	<p>Did you know... According to the DOD, there are more than 40,00 military youth in Tennessee?</p>	<p>Did you know... Families of Reservists and National Guardsmen are "military families in our own backyard"?</p>	<p>1 Have your school announce that April is Month of the Military Child.</p>	<p>2 Design a Month of the Military Child poster and display it proudly in your office.</p>
<p>3 Encourage local businesses and organizations to celebrate (discounts/free admission for military families).</p>	<p>4 Talk, Listen, Connect with Sesame Street. Free download at archive.sesame.org/tlc/workshop.org/tlc/.</p>	<p>5 Learn about special needs military families at this online chat: www.militaryone.com/MOS/OnlineCommunity/ModeratedChat.aspx.</p>	<p>6 Identify a military youth in your community.</p>	<p>7 Conduct a book drive for the Cookeville and Nashville "Military Kids at the Library" event.</p>	<p>8 Write a letter of thanks to a military child.</p>	<p>9 Encourage military kids to sign up for the Speak Out for Military Kids–Millington, TN.</p>
<p>10 Volunteer at Speak Out for Military Kids–Millington, TN.</p>	<p>11 Support a Family Readiness Group (FRG) meeting.</p>	<p>12 View this special video: whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/04/07/month-military-child.</p>	<p>13 Start a mentoring program or military club in your community.</p>	<p>14 Invite a military youth to your club or organization.</p>	<p>15 Encourage a military youth to sign up for our sewing day camp: www.utextension.utk.edu/4h/omk/pdf/PajamaSew.pdf.</p>	<p>16 Conduct a workshop or day camp for military youth (funding is available).</p>
<p>17 Visit Military-OneSource.com for FREE resources to support military kids.</p>	<p>18 Host a Young Hero ceremony to honor military youth. Use this certificate: www.utextension.utk.edu/4h/omk/pdf/hero.pdf.</p>	<p>19 Host a Ready, Set, Go! training in your community.</p>	<p>20 Say the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>21 Join TN OMK on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TNOMK.</p>	<p>22 Help military kids plan a special activity for their family.</p>	<p>23 Learn more about military children: health.mil/Themes/Military_Children.</p>
<p>24 Donate items to make a Hero Pack. Ideas can be found at: www.utextension.utk.edu/4h/omk/pdf/HP_guide.pdf.</p>	<p>25 Play the national anthem.</p>	<p>26 Host a social event, like an ice cream social, skate night, or bowling, for military youth in your community.</p>	<p>27 Help youth organize a care package to send to their deployed Service Member.</p>	<p>28 Tell your family, a friend, or coworkers that April is Month of the Military Child.</p>	<p>29 Direct a military family to Operation MilitaryKids.org.</p>	<p>30 Join our listserv to learn more about OMK. Please contact Carrera Romanini at Carrera@utk.edu or 865-974-9724.</p>