



During April, a state wide-initiative was led by 4-H and OMK to promote Month of the Military Child. This included a kick-off event in Cheyenne, the capitol of Wyoming, in partnership with YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Wyoming National Guard, and Wyoming STARBASE Academy. Regional day camps occurred throughout the state where Extension educators in partnership with Wyoming National Guard FAC's organized and led activities for 4-H and military youth that focused on STEM, teambuilding, resiliency, and healthy living.

"I always thought I was the only military kid. Now I know I'm not." Gracie, age 10 at regional day camp

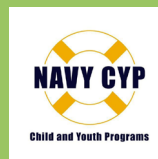


At a regional day camp held during Month of the Military Child, youth participated in community service, healthy living, STEM and teambuilding activities. A silent tower building activity challenged the youth to use effective communication skills to create the tallest free-standing tower with supplies given.

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4-H Military Partnership Mission

To provide youth whose parents serve our nation with the opportunity to participate in unique 4-H experiences, provide sustainable 4-H programming, provide a safe and nurturing environment with caring adults, and provide community service opportunities.



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State 4-H Military Liaison Statement

The past year with the Wyoming 4-H Military Partnership program has faced challenges and successes, but has continued to grow and improve. Staff turnover and governmental changes caused some challenges at times during the year, but the 4-H Military Educator and Youth Programs staff worked diligently to continue an exciting and rewarding 4-H experience for 4-H military youth. Significant increases in program participation throughout the year created exciting opportunities of expansion in programming and service for the 4-H military youth.

Over the past year, the partnership with FE Warren AFB focused on programming that followed the 4-H Mission Mandates of STEM, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. Members of the Youth Center and Teen Center participated in the 4-H "Eco-bot" National Youth Science Day experiment as well as several other STEM activities, including robotics and filmmaking. Partnership with base and community organizations allowed for nutrition and healthy living lessons taught by professionals from outside the Youth Programs staff. Continuing education for Youth Programs staff remains a

priority and the trainings range on topics from 4-H principles, positive youth development, Experiential Learning Model, and county 4-H programming.

There has been continued growth in 4-H military youth participation in traditional county 4-H events and programs. This expansion and connection of 4-H military youth with the community has not only provided the youth with new and exciting opportunities, but has led to greater support from the community for military servicemen and their families. A statewide effort to support military youth in geographically dispersed areas has also increased participation in 4-H and community awareness. This effort has included training for National Guard volunteers and National Guard Child & Youth staff on positive youth development and 4-H principles.

Wyoming 4-H Military Partnership continues to provide a great service to military youth in Wyoming, at FE Warren Air Force Base and throughout the state. We look forward to another exciting and eventful year helping 4-H military youth connect with their clubs, community, country and their world.



At regional camps, military youth were brought together to experience 4-H.

Military 4-H Club Partnership Goals

- Connect military youth with county and state 4-H community clubs and projects
- Promote interest and participation in STEM and Healthy Living projects
- Expand project areas offered



Youth participated in the 2012 4-H National Youth Science Day experiment "Eco-bots."

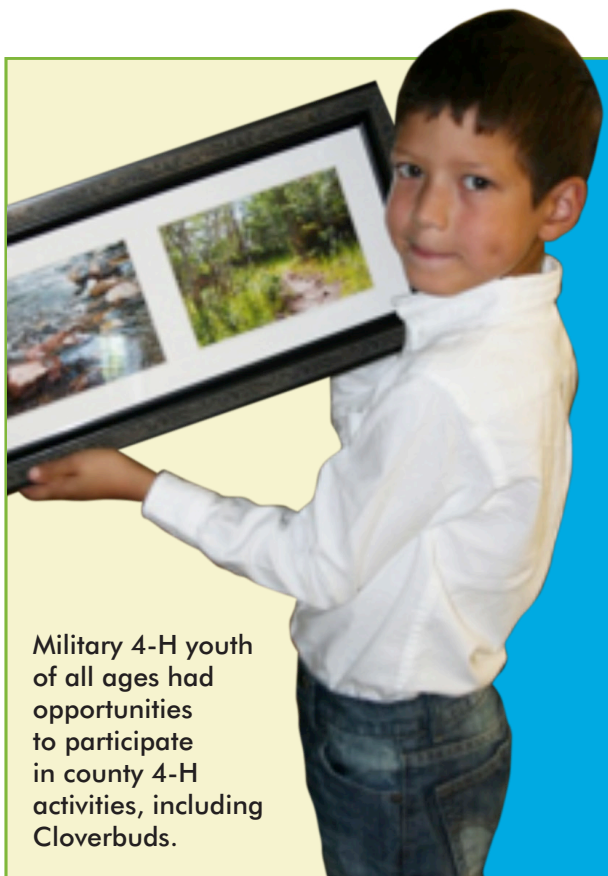
Through a variety of interactive activities, youth strengthen their resiliency skills, helping prepare them for the challenges of life.



Fast Facts

- F.E. Warren Air Force Base: installation served in Wyoming
- 2: Total number of chartered 4-H clubs on installation
- 40: Total number of youth that participated in 4-H National Youth Science Day
- 131: total number of military youth age 5-16 enrolled in 4-H
- 6: Number of day camps held throughout the state for military youth
- 20: Number of military 4-H program volunteer leaders
- 65: total number of youth that participated in regional Month of the Military Child camps

Military 4-H youth of all ages had opportunities to participate in county 4-H activities, including Cloverbuds.



"I like having 4-H because we can get messy!"
Anna, age 6



"My daughters have wanted to show rabbits at the fair for a long time. With 4-H on base and having help from the staff, they were able to show this year and they had a great experience!"
The Patriots 4-H Club Parent