

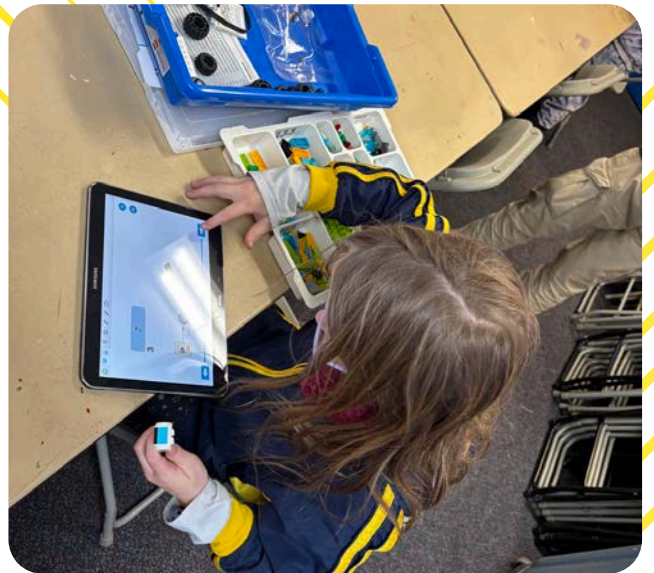


Utah National Guard
Child & Youth Programs

March 2026

UTNG Kids Newsletter

Highlights from February and March classes with Month of the Military Child news and sign ups!



February and March Highlights!

Lego Robotics at Camp Williams, West Jordan, and Spanish Fork + Youth Symposium!

For the last 2 weeks in February and the first 2 weeks in March, we have brought the Lego We.Do kits to your UTNG kids ages 6-12! Projects we made include glowing snails, fans, motion sensor robots, cars, and satellites all programmed by your smart kiddos!

The kids loved following the lesson plans, but enjoyed modifying their projects to make it their own!



Youth Symposium was on March 14th, and our youth had a blast! From a training on planning, hunting the Good Stuff, cooking, and escape rooming, our teens handled a full agenda with excitement and enthusiasm!



UTNG KIDS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD



10 A.M.-
12 P.M

18

APR

CAMP
WILLIAMS
BUILDING
9000

Join us for a Month of the Military Child event on April 18th from 10 AM to 12 PM to learn about different countries our service members are commonly deployed to through hands on STEM & resilience activities!

All ages are welcome, but activities are designed for Ages 6+


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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



For UTNG Child and Youth Programs
Month of The Military Child Event!

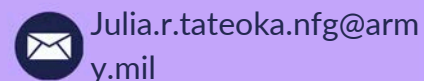
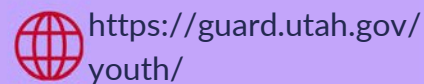
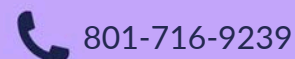
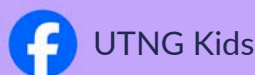
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We are looking for service members who have been deployed to specific countries/areas to share their experience with the kids of military families!

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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Recognition Events!



**APR
WED1**

Camp Williams Ages 6-8

4:30-6:00 @ Camp Williams
Building 6220

**APR
THU2**

Spanish Fork Ages 6-12

4:00-5:30 @ 875 N Main St,
Spanish Fork, UT 8466

**APR
WED8**

Camp Williams Ages 9-12

4:30-6:00 @ Camp Williams
Building 6220

**APR
THU9**

West Jordan Ages 6-12

4:30-6:00 @ 7602 Airport Rd,
West Jordan, UT 84084



**Come join us for
fun classes
recognizing the
children of military
families! Scan the
QR code or [click
here](#) to sign your
children up!**



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UTNG KIDS CURIOSITY CORNER

Adult + Child Interactive Class



From 9:30 AM - 11 AM For
Ages 3-5 with an Adult! At
Camp Williams Bldg. 6220

THEME

*Nutrition + Month of the
Military Child!*



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ADDITIONALLY,
WATERFORD UPSTART
WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE!
PLEASE [CLICK THIS LINK](#)
FOR THEIR NEWSLETTER.



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MISSION: POSSIBLE



TOP SECRET YOUTH

Virtual Day Camp for
Army National Guard Youth (Ages 5-12)

*Train your spy skills, crack
codes & build secret gadgets!*

- ✓ *Create Your Agent Badge*
- ✓ *Codebreaker Challenges*
- ✓ *Build a Secret Spy Tool*
- ✓ *Learn Spy Signals*



SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET

FREE

Ages 5-12



Register by March 27!



SCAN TO REGISTER!

WWW.ARNGCYS.COM

Mission: Possible ~ Top Secret Youth

**ARNG-CYS Month of the Military Child (MoMC) Kick Off Event for 5–12 year-olds (yo)
Saturday 4 April 2026 ~ 11:00am ET – 12:30pm ET**

Facilitators: Andrew Seward (OH), JD Englehardt (WI) ~ supported by Brian Stoudnour (NTC)

BLUF: At no additional cost (\$0.00) to the program or Government; Provide a national live virtual MoMC kickoff event for 5-12 yo ARNG dependent youth across all 54 states/territories. Offering interactive developmentally appropriate activities with a focus on Community Building, Resilience Education, Health & Wellness Training, and Recognition of being a Military Child.

Registration: <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=D9fm-kuVEUiStgUw1vhMQ5C4zRWCR0hCncMtR8jftgpURDdPRUpMMjBNQkdRV1ZOMVVWVv1JNDM2Ri4u>

- Registration Deadline ~ COB Friday 27 March 2026 • Confirmation of Participation sent to participants parent/guardian emails by ~ COB Tuesday 31 March 2026

0:00–0:15 — Recruit Orientation

- Welcome: Draw your agent Badge based on your family and who you are
- Share out what you draw
- Explain the Mission: *Day*

0:15–0:35 — Mission: Codebreaker Claim and Memory Vault Challenge

Objective: Mindfulness Explain: (3-4mins) All spies need to be first and foremost observant of patterns of guards on patrol, laser traps, listening, seeing, and being in the moment during high stress situations.

- What stressful situation has you been in? Taking a test, up to bat for baseball...

Activities

Spy Game: (10 min) you have 30 sec to list everything you, see? (Play a couple of times each round get harder:

- What did you see? Color, Items etc
- Do four senses observational skill: Hear, smells, touch, see clear your mind
- Items spy game one last time

Observation (3-4 min) skills fail us (find something more for the age group)

- What stressful situation has you been in? Taking a test, up to bat for baseball...
- Pattern, Object, or movement memory games Emotion Decoder (How decoder your emotion and other emotion) work on some acting skills

0:35–0:45 —Mission: Spy Themed mental mapping

Activities

Mind Map Story (10 min) lead kids thought a story that we act out together:

- Our mission if you sneak past the guard, sabotage our city energy draining monster...

(JD)

0:45–0:50 —Bathroom Break (5 min)

0:50–1:10 —Mission: Secret Spy Tool Building

Objectives:

- Develop listening skills
- Encourage effective family communication

Activity:

Build a Secret Spy Tool (20 min) using a list, sent before the event, of items that should be readily available, common household items. The host will build a master example that the participants are to match as close as possible from the directions given. Once all directions have been provided the host will show their spy tool and ask if anyone would like to show theirs. We will briefly discuss why some people's spy tool may look different. In the debrief the main theme will be the importance of clear communication and asking questions to make sure you understand.

- Did your spy tool match the original?
- What would have made it easier?
- Activity of building a different spy tool will be repeated if time allows.

1:10–1:20 —Mission: Learn a Spy Language

Objectives:

- Discuss how communication happens in different ways for different people.
- Increase possible connection and understanding of Military life.

Activity:

- Learn the phonetic (10 min) alphabet then a message will be displayed written in the phonetic alphabet for our spies to decode. Then discuss how and why it is used.

1:20–1:25 —Conclusion (5 min)

- Thank the youth for attending and remind them to check on programs where they live.
- Other possible ideas: Spydisguise parade, kids wear their best disguise, and we parade Infront of cameras. Military Hand codes

MISSION: I'M POSSIBLE

TEEN TASK FORCE

Virtual Day Camp for
Army National Guard Teens (Ages 13-17)



- ✓ *Classified Team Challenge*
- ✓ *Online Safety Secrets*
- ✓ *Impact Story Telling*

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET

FREE

Ages 13-17



Register by March 27!



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Mission: Possible ~ Teen Task Force

**ARNG-CYS Month of the Military Child (MoMC) Kick Off Event for 13–17 year-olds (yo)
Saturday 4 April 2026 ~ 2:00pm ET – 3:30pm ET**

Facilitators: Andy Connel (DE), Raymond Lapoint (NJ), Brendon Panke (Community Partner)
~supported by Blake Campbell (OK), Brian Stoudnour (NTC)

BLUF: At no additional cost (\$0.00) to the program or Government; Provide a national live virtual MoMC kickoff event for 13-17 yo ARNG dependent youth across all 54 states/territories. Offering interactive developmentally appropriate activities with a focus on Community Building, Internet Safety, Impact Storytelling, and Recognition of being a Military Child.

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0:00–0:10 — Recruit Orientation: “CLASSIFIED” Where in the world am I? (Ray & Andy)

Welcome

Using the Chat

You are all undercover agents. I want you to describe where you are from in 3 words-but your location is CLASSIFIED, so you cannot say the name of your state/territory.

- Example: Liberty Bell, Cheesesteaks, Poconos = Pennsylvania

This activity is meant to engage participants in building their community via a simple yet thought provoking conversations while also using imagery and clues to describe their state. Explain the Mission: Day

0:10–0:30 — Mission: “TOP SECRET” Cyber Security (Andy & Ray)

Objective: Internet Safety Training. A good spy leaves no footprints without intending to:

- Learn how to keep your digital footprint hidden to prevent giving away more information than you need or intend to
- Uncover how different posts may be able to be clicked together to sleuth out more information about you
- Discover how to dodge the hooks of bad actors who may be Phishing for victims
- Group Questions and Discussion

0:30–1:25 — Mission: “UNCLASSIFIED” I AM ME (Brendon Panke)

Objective: Impact Storytelling – Learn how to tell your personal story and how make it intriguing, impactful and memorable

- Learn the 5 beats of storytelling: Intro, Inciting Incident, Raising Stakes, Main Event, Resolution (moment of change)

- Craft stronger writing with tips and tricks from experts
- Professional technical skills of story formatting to how to craft stronger sentences
- Using expressive language to increase impacts
- Then after you have written your story, take part in our MoMC Story Slam Hour by sharing your story with the skills you will gain

Brendon Panke, Bio: *Inspiring Change Through Storytelling at the University of Wisconsin-Madison -*

Brendon Panke, at 42, is a passionate advocate for amplifying silenced stories, believing they hold transformative power. He sees storytelling as a vital tool for change, emphasizing that these narratives can challenge societal norms and inspire action. Through his work, he aims to shed light on the voices often overlooked, fostering a deeper understanding and connection within communities. "I love to help people uncover the stories that they want to tell," he says. "Whether those stories are about their life, their data, or their specialty I am excited when I can help someone bring their story to others in the form that lets them reveal who they truly are." As a recent graduate of the Columbia University Narrative Medicine Certificate program, the Madison, WI resident is on a mission to put that narrative theory into practice through his work with several University of Wisconsin-Madison initiatives. Though his lifelong avocation has been storytelling, Brendon's "first act," was spent steeped in the sciences, biology, conservation and the environment. That was until several years ago, when he heard about the Narrative Medicine program. At the time, he was transitioning from his role as stay-at-home dad for the now 11-year-old Ash.

"Narrative, storytelling and wellness, I knew it was for me," says Brendon.

- <https://centerhealthyminds.org/about/people/brendon-panke>
<https://centerhealthyminds.org/news/uw-madison-staff-recognition-award-winner-unsung-hero-center-for-healthy-minds>

1:25–1:30 —Conclusion (5 min)

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Earth Day

STEM CLASSES



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WED 15

Camp Williams Ages 6-8
4:30-6:00 @ Camp Williams
Building 6220

APR
WED 22

Camp Williams 9-12
4:30-6:00 @ Camp Williams
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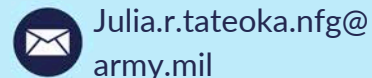
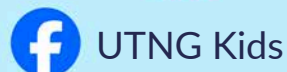
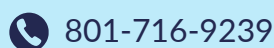
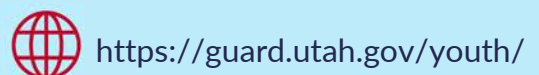
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2026 UTNG Summer DAY CAMPS

Camp 1: June 22-23

Camp 2: June 24-25

Summer day camps are a chance for your UTNG child to make new friends, grow resiliency skills, and do fun STEAM activities! For children of Utah Army and Air National Guard members ages 9-13. The first day is from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and the second day is from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Register your child using the QR code or **[click here!](#)**



**UTNG Child & Youth
Programs Feedback Form**

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