



# Family Ties

Winter 2013

Courtesy of:  
148th Fighter Wing Airman &  
Family Readiness Program

## Air Force Services Directorate Camp Call

Three camps are available to teens to include Teen Aviation, Teen Leadership and Space Camp. Eligible applicants include teen dependents of Active Duty Military, AF Retired Military, AF Civilian Employees and activated Air National Guard or AF Reserve. Teens interested in applying need to complete an electronic Summer Camp Nomination Registration Form and submit the package to their installation Youth Programs. Teens may list, in order of preference, which camp they would like to attend. Teens may only participate in one camp. An interview is required.

The suspense for all three camps is 29 March 2013. Final selections for spaces will be announced by 19 April 2013. All lodging, meals and program costs will be funded at no cost to the participant. Airline or POV travel costs are the responsibility of the attendees.

**Teen Aviation Camp** 1-6 June 2013. Available to youth entering their Sophomore or Junior year in the Fall of 2013. The camp will be held at the United States Air Force Academy located in Colorado Springs, CO.

**Teen Leadership Camp (TLC)** 8-12 July 2013. The TLC will be held at the University of Texas at San An-

tonio. Eligible high school students who have completed their freshman year prior to the camp.

**Space Camp** 28 Jul-2 Aug 2013 in Huntsville, AL. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 (documentation mandatory). Youth age 12-14 will attend Space Academy or Robot Academy. Youth age 15-18 to attend Aviation Challenge.

For more information on these camps and for an application contact:

Jennifer Kuhlman at  
218-788-7833 or

218-349-5575 or email

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## SAVE THE DATES



Noon, Saturday, 6 April 2013  
148th FW Spring Fling  
Hermantown Hockey Rink  
Crafts, games and snacks  
Open skate 1245-1345

1-3 March 2013  
148th Strong Bonds Event  
Laugh your Way to a Better Marriage.  
Site TBD.

## Financial Counseling

Did you know that Military OneSource offers free Financial Counseling Services? This is a great time to talk to an Accredited Financial Counselor about the best ways to use your tax return and address any issues you might have with debt, money management, or budgeting. Go to [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil) for assistance.



## America Saves

**A Personal Financial Consultant (PFC)** will be at the 148th FW on Saturday, 9 February and Sunday, 10 February. All service members and their families are welcome to attend the sessions and the confidential one-on-one counseling. Must make an appointment with Mrs. Kuhlman 788-7833 or [Jennifer.kuhlman@ang.af.mil](mailto:Jennifer.kuhlman@ang.af.mil).

Stretching Your Money will be offered at 0800-0930 Sat/Sun and Take Control of Your Debt 0930-1100 Sat/Sun. All classes will be held in the FSS classroom Bldg. 250.

## myFICO® Credit Score

As partners in DoD's Financial Readiness Campaign, the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and SaveAndInvest.org are pleased to continue to make the myFICO credit score and analysis tool available to all service members and their spouses **FREE** of charge. The program is intended to provide one credit score per service member (and spouse, as applicable) initially and a single follow-up score 90-120 days later.

Effective Friday, February 1st, all service members register via a Group Access Code (GAC) to receive a free FICO credit score and analysis via the <http://www.saveandinvest.org> web site and will be required to enter a valid military email address. Spouses of active duty service members who do not have access to a military email address may register using their service member's email address. It will then be necessary for the service member to forward the registration confirmation email to their spouse. These steps are necessary to ensure that the system is utilized only by service members and their spouses.

For more information, see our detailed instructions <<http://www.saveandinvest.org/ControlDebt/CreditScore/P124696>> and frequently asked questions <<http://www.saveandinvest.org/ControlDebt/CreditScore/P124697>> .

# Military OneSource Tax Filing

Military OneSource is once again offering a free, electronic tax filing service. If you are eligible under the Military OneSource program, you can complete, save, and file your 2012 federal and up to three state returns online free with the H&R Block At Home® tool.



To access this free version of H&R Block At Home®, go to <https://www.militaryonesourceeap.org> and then select H&R Block at Home under the Quick Links section. You will be routed to the H&R website to register or login.

If you have questions about this tax service or about preparing your own tax returns, please call 1-800-342-9647 and ask to speak with a Military OneSource tax consultant. Trained tax consultants are available 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., EST.

## Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone 2012

You may be eligible to receive a tax credit for military time served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area anytime in 2012. Credit is equal to \$120 for each month of service. Partial months are counted as full months.

Complete Minnesota Revenue Form M99-attach LES and DD-214.

[http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/Forms and Instructions/2012/m99 12.pdf](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/Forms%20and%20Instructions/2012/m99%2012.pdf)



### Free Tax Software available for some military families:

TurboTax has just released a new version of its tax preparation software created specifically for military filers. For a limited time, it's free for junior enlisted personnel ranked E1-E5 in any branch of the Armed Forces. It is also available during this time period for \$24.95 (a \$5 discount) for anyone ranked E6-officer. Every military member using this TurboTax software, even the free version, can get one-on-one advice via phone or chat from one of the company's tax experts. Visit for more info: <http://lifeinc.today.com/news/2013/01/03/16305283-free-tax-software-available-for-some-military-families?lite>

### Free tax service in Twin Cities:

For members living in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, Military OneSource offers a free tax service as well. Volunteers have been trained by the MN Department of Revenue and certified by the IRS that can complete one's taxes. This is for military veterans, DOD civilians and retirees. Volunteers are not able to assist those who have rental property as this requires additional training and certifications.

People who are unsure of doing their taxes online may contact 612-713-1516 to make an appointment. All appointments are scheduled on Fridays throughout the tax season (1 Feb-26 Apr) at various locations.



Singles **"GOT YOUR BACK"** Strong Bonds Retreat  
March 8-10 (Fri-Sun)

Cragun's Resort and Hotel

<http://craguns.com> or 1.800.CRAGUNS

A great weekend with the 133rd Chapel Staff and  
Program Participants!

Contact Jill @ 612.713.2367 or [Jill.lawrence@ang.af.mil](mailto:Jill.lawrence@ang.af.mil)

[Www.strongbonds.org](http://www.strongbonds.org)

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## Fun Stuff Around Town!!

Spirit Mountain is once again offering Military Appreciation Week!

**February 23-March 3, 2013**

Available to all CURRENT or PAST military members and Immediate Family.

**SAT: \$20 Lift Ticket, \$20 Ski Rental and \$25 Board Rental.**

**OTHER DAYS: \$10 Lift Ticket, \$10 Ski Rental and \$15 Board Rental.**

**\*\*You MUST show Military ID to Qualify \*\***

Call 218.628.2891 or 800.642.6377 or visit [Www.spiritmt.com](http://Www.spiritmt.com)

**Half-Price Snow Tubing and Adventure Park Tickets too!!**

