

such as Magnet Schools, Athletics, Advanced Academics, Transportation, Career and Technology, Fine Arts, JROTC, Special Education, Gifted and Talented, Pupil Services, Health Services and Food Services will also be available. Representatives from Child and Youth Services and Army Community Service will have information about Fort Bliss programs including child care, Army Family Team Building, Relocation, Employment Readiness, Exceptional Family Member and Financial Readiness. For information, call School Liaison Services at 568-9306.

Volunteer conference

The Inaugural Volunteer Management Conference will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 16 at Biggs Centennial Club and Conference Center. Guest speakers will facilitate sessions on recruitment, motivating and retaining volunteers, volunteer screening and background checks, risk management-liability and an information sharing session. The conference is open to volunteer leaders from the El Paso, Fort Bliss and Las Cruces communities who work with volunteers in museums, schools, hospitals, civic and religious organizations, or anyone who wants more information about working with volunteers. Late registration is \$30. The fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. For information or to register, call Tephane Hopper at 568-1132 or e-mail tephane.hopper1@bliss.army.mil.

Marriage retreat

The Fort Bliss chaplains are holding a Chaplain Marriage Enrichment Retreat for Fort Bliss servicemembers and their families Aug. 31 to Sept. 3 at the Prude Guest Ranch. There are 25 rooms reserved for this event. With a group rate discount, the chaplains are able to offer the retreat for a suggested donation of \$50, which includes meals and lodging for three nights. Marriage enrichment classes Saturday and Sunday mornings include improving your "Love Maps," balancing your "Emotional Bank Account," applying conflict resolution skills, the critical success factors for making a marriage work and "The Five Love Languages." Children's activities are provided during the Saturday and Sunday morning classes.

The \$50 donation will secure a room for the retreat. Donations should be cash, money order or check made out to the Chaplains' Tithes and Offerings Fund and are due to the Garrison Command Chaplain's Office by Aug. 17. Call Chap. McFarland at 568-8301 to make arrangements to drop off your donation at Bldg. 448. Individual grants to cover the donation are available on a case-by-case basis.

Small business conference

The third annual Service Disabled and Veteran Owned Small Business Conference will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Aug. 30, and 31 at the Albuquerque Marriot, 2101 Louisiana Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. Register now through Aug. 23 for \$50. For more information

and to download the registration form visit NMVetBiz.org, or call Flo Dow at 505-428-1624 or 1-800-281-7232.

Waiting families news

Free dinner and meeting: The Fort Bliss Waiting Families will sponsor a free dinner for all registered waiting families at the Centennial Club on Biggs Army Airfield 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14. For more information, or for reservations, call ACS at 568-1132.

German-American night run

The 14th German-American Oktoberfest Run will be Sept. 8 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Kelly Park. There will be pre- and post-race events and entertainment. For more information, call 568-0259 or 568-4508.

Free bowling

Free bowling: Bowling is available for registered waiting families at the Fort Bliss Bowling Center from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 11 and Sept. 8. Call ACS at 568-1132 for more information and to register.

Waiting Teens: Come join Teen Night Celebration at the Metro Station in the Centennial Club from 7 p.m. to midnight Aug. 31 and Sept. 28. This event is free and open to students ages 13 to 17 with valid school or dependent ID.

People Encouraging People

People Encouraging People is a three-day newcomer's orientation geared

toward spouses. First day is an informational classroom day; second day is a tour of Fort Bliss, Biggs Army Airfield, WBAMC, and a tour throughout El Paso with shopping downtown. The third day is a trip to Old Mesilla, N.M. Childcare is paid for those registered with CDC. PEP classes are Aug. 21 to 23, Sept. 18 to 20, Oct. 23 to 25 and Nov. 13 to 15. For class reservation, call ACS at 568-1132.

'Second Career' seminar

The ACAP center will sponsor the Military Officers Association of America lecture "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career" from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 13 at the ACAP center, Bldg. 515A, first floor, Room 107. This presentation is very beneficial for all those who may be contemplating retirement or separation within three years. For more information, call 568-7165.

American Red Cross

The ARC is actively recruiting volunteers. Those interested in volunteering must first attend a volunteer orientation, fill out the volunteer packet and complete the background check. Volunteer orientations are held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Fort Bliss Red Cross, Bldg. 45, Slater Road, and at the El Paso Red Cross, 3620 Admiral St., from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays. To register, call 568-4898 or 592-0208.

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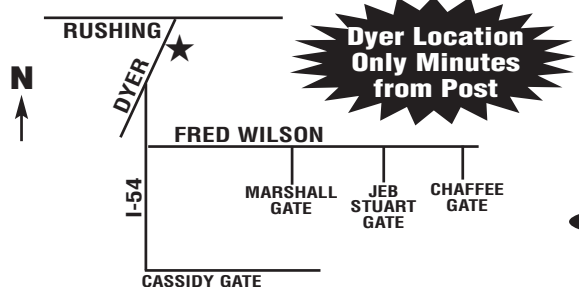
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