

Fort Richardson

This Week

SATURDAY

Cutting wood safely

The Wood Shop is giving safety classes at Building 755 on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Call 384-3418 for information.

MONDAY

Networking playgroups

The new Parent Support Program offers Pooh and Piglets Play Groups for infants to school age children. These are interactive playgroups to help children learn social skills while having fun with other children. They are also a great way for parents to network.

The playgroups meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Youth Services Center, Building 297 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Call 384-7506 or 2926 for more information.

Learn to ride safely

Outdoor and Recreation is offering ATV Safety classes. Attendees will learn riding techniques and hand signals to be a safe ATV rider. The cost is \$40 per person.

Classes are in Building 794 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Call 384-1475 for information.

Calling all pike fishermen

Otter Lake Park Fishing Contest is on now. There is a \$15 entry fee. The contest runs through June 30. The largest fish by weight wins a \$50 gift certificate from Outdoor Recreation.

The hours of operation at Otter Lake are Thursday to Monday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Check with Otter Lake staff for rules or information by calling 384-6245 or 1475.

TUESDAY

Be ready to relocate

Unit Sponsorship Training given

by the Relocation Readiness Program is going on today and June 16 in Building 600, Relocation Office, Room 135, from 2 to 3 p.m. You have to pre-register for this training.

The overseas orientation is available to Soldiers and their spouses on an appointment basis. Ensure you attend a levy briefing prior to your departure.

Call 384-1515 for information.

Playgroup with a splash

Aqua Play is for infants to school age children. This is an interactive playgroup to help children learn social skills while enjoying the water in a safe environment.

This group meets every Tuesday at the Buckner Physical Fitness Center Pool from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Call 384-7506 for information.

WEDNESDAY

Help locking down a job

Employment Readiness Program

is hosting two workshops today and June 17 in Building 600, Room A112; Looking for Work with Attitude at 3:30 p.m. and Securing the Job of Your Dreams at 4 p.m.

Call 384-6716 for information.

Strike it rich

Go gold panning with Outdoor Recreation. Visit the Alyeska Tram Tour and pan for gold in Crow Creek. The cost is \$65 per person and includes tram ticket, gold panning fee and transportation. Bring lunch, a camera and rain gear.

Prospective panners will meet at Outdoor Recreation, Building 794 at 10 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.

Call 384-1475 or 1476 for information.

THURSDAY

Learn to network

Networking: The Key to the Hidden Job Market is offered in Building 600, Room A112, at 11 a.m.

Call 384-6716 for information.

Lines of communication

Family Advocacy Program is offering a class in Couples Communication. This class is to assist couples to identify ineffective and effective ways to talk, listen, resolve conflicts and strengthen relationships.

You must pre-register a week in advance by calling 384-0504 or stopping by Room A128 in Building 600.

The class will be at the Community Education Complex, Room 215, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 384-1006 or 0504.

Insurance 101

The Financial Readiness Program is providing a course on understanding the basics of insurance in Building 600, Room A18, from 9 to 10 a.m. This course will give you an overview of insurance and different coverage's from life, automobile, health and disability.

Call 384-7509 for information.

FRIDAY

The power of walking

Join us at the Buckner Physical Fitness Center for "Friday Fun Days" with power walking from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parents with strollers are welcome.

Call 384-1305 for information.



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Fort Rich gets new CDC

Though Fort Richardson's newest Child Development Center does "officially" open until Monday, the ceremonial ribbon was cut June 22. On-hand for the ribbon cutting was the U.S. Army Alaska Commanding General Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Layfield; Staff Sgt. Joseph and Charity Franco with the Warrior Transition Battalion and their two daughter, Hailey, 7, and Khylene, 3; the CDC director Tracy Benton; Kimberly Rivers, who attend the Fort Richardson CDC as a child; and Fort Richardson Garrison Commander Col. Dave L. Shutt. The new CDC is design to accommodate 286 of children and is equipped with nearly \$500,000 in new toys and equipment for the children. Shutt said to those attending the ribbon cutting, "...though this was not a direct result of the Army Family Covenant project, this construction project was protected because of the Army Family Covenant."

Fort Wainwright

Ongoing

Space for rent

The beautiful Birch Hill Ski Lodge is available for rental reservations. With a great view, comfortable seating and full kitchen, the lodge is perfect for weddings, birthday parties and unit gatherings. Call 353-2654 for more information.

Safe boating

The Outdoor Recreation Center offers watercraft rentals throughout the summer months. Anyone wishing to rent these items must take the boater safety course offered every Saturday at 1 p.m.

Call 361-4089 or more information.

Helping hand

Army Community Service offers items from the Lending Closet

to those in need. Basic household items such as pots, pans, microwaves, car seats and much more are available. Items are loaned out for up to 30 days. Bring a copy of your orders and an ID card.

For more information, call 353-4333.

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SATURDAY

Fling a fly

A free Fly Fishing Clinic is offered by the Outdoor Recreation Center today at 9 a.m. Participants will learn about different types of rods, reels and casting techniques. No equipment or experience needed.

Call 353-4089 or more information.

Be bold

Outdoor Recreation will host a bouldering outing today from 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m. for those ages 14 and older. ORC staff will take participants to either Grapefruit Rocks or Angel Rocks for the price of \$25.

For reservations, call 361-6349.

TUESDAY

Mindful money

Army Community Service is hosting a free Mindful Money Matters class today from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Welcome Center, Building 3401. The class will examine your relationship with money and help you to achieve the financial goals you set. For more information, call 353-4332.

Post deployment

Army Community Service is offering a free Post Deployment Battlemind Class for spouses today beginning from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Welcome Center, Bldg. 3401.

This training provides strategies to enhance resiliency after deploy-

ment.

For more information, call 353-4332.

WEDNESDAY

Homecoming

Get ready for the challenges of your Soldier's homecoming with Army Community Service's Homecoming Basic course.

This free course will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Welcome Center, Building 3401. The course will help prepare you for homecoming and challenges that may lie ahead. Call 353-4332 for information.

THURSDAY

Be a BOSS

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will have a meeting today at 1:30 at the Zone. Single Soldiers wanting to participate in activity planning are welcome.

For more information, call 353-1087.