



START YOUR JOURNEY HERE



*A Faster Way to Connect
with Programs and Services.*

Fort McCoy Army Community Service
Relocation Readiness Program
2111 South 8th Ave.
Fort McCoy, WI 54656
502-898-2359



ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lending Closet

We temporarily loan housekeeping items to incoming and outgoing personnel while their items are in transit.



ITEMS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

- Air Mattresses
- Tables & Chairs
- Dish Packs
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Coffee Pots
- Microwaves
- Electric Griddles
- And More!



The Lending Closet is located at Army Community Service
2111 South 8th Ave, Fort McCoy, WI 54656

STOP IN TO ACS OR CALL 502-898-2359 TO LEARN MORE

FORT McCOY Housing



CADENCE COMMUNITIES (PRIVATIZED HOUSING)

6167 Retreat Drive | Fort McCoy, WI 54656

PHONE: 615-203-0727 WEB: www.thecadencecommunities.com

HOUSING REFERRAL

6158 H Circle | Fort McCoy, WI 54656

PHONE: 502-898-9193 DSN: 323-898-9193

LODGING: IHG ARMY HOTELS

51 South O Street | Fort McCoy, WI 54656

PHONE: 608-351-3033 TOLL-FREE: 877-711-8326

EMAIL: ihg.fortmccoy@gmail.com | WEB: www.ihgarmyhotels.com

MWR ACCOMMODATIONS

1668 South J Street | Fort McCoy, WI 54656

PHONE: 502-898-3011 DSN: 323-898-3011 WEB: www.mccoy.armymwr.com





THE CADENCE
at FORT MCCOY

IT'S NOT
JUST A HOME.
IT'S A LIFESTYLE.

**You support our soldiers.
We'll support your family.**



AS A RESIDENT YOU'LL ENJOY:

- Basic utilities included
- A pet friendly community with \$0 pet rent
- Three & four bedroom homes with large yards and garages
- Full unfinished basement (select models)
- Trash & recycle collection
- Free use of snow removal equipment
- 24-hour emergency maintenance
- Self-help home maintenance items
- Skate park, playgrounds, basketball & tennis courts, soccer field and walking trail
- Fun, free events and contests.

For more information and to apply call
(615) 203-0727

Scan below to find
your new home at
**Cadence Communities
TODAY!**



Created by
lendlease

www.thecadencecommunities.com





ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE'S RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

Learn about all of the programs and services the Fort McCoy community has to offer!

2025 DATES		
Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10
2026 DATES		
Jan 14	Feb 11	Mar 11
Apr 8	May 13	Jun 10
Jul 8	Aug 12	Sep 9

All sessions held from
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
McCoy's Community Center
*Open to all new Military and Civilian personnel.
Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.*

 Breakfast provided by RIA
Federal Credit Union
No endorsement implied

ACS events are open to Military, Retirees, Civilian workforce, Family Members, Survivors, and registered Fort McCoy Volunteers unless otherwise stated. Employees must contact their supervisors regarding dismissal from work centers. For information on upcoming training opportunities through ACS please go to: <http://mccoy.armymwr.com> and click on Calendar.



**Return completed registration form to Army Community Service (B2111) or
email to: jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil**

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Unit/Directorate: _____ Rank: _____

Day Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Date Attending: _____

Call ACS at 502-898-2359 for more information

RESILIENCE TRAINING

Resilience Training is offered for Family members and Civilians which provides real life solutions for growing and thriving in the face of challenges and bouncing back from adversity. Master Resilience Trainers (MRTs) provide training that focuses on building self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, strengths of character and connection which can enhance personal and professional lives.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a private, non-profit organization funded by Soldiers for Soldiers. AER provides emergency financial assistance to Soldiers, Retirees, and Survivors. AER also provides undergraduate level educational scholarships to children and spouses of Soldiers. The Career Skills Program is available to offer financial assistance to Soldiers transitioning out of Active Duty.

ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS

Volunteering provides the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the community, feel satisfaction, learn new skills, gain work experience, meet new friends and have fun! Seasonal volunteer opportunities include ski patrol, paintball, wildlife and forestry; year-round opportunities include religious support and automotive skills. Volunteer registration forms are available at ACS.

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP)

EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program with renewal every three years for all Active Component and Title 32 AGR Soldiers with a Family member diagnosed with exceptional educational or medical needs. The EFMP Manager works with other agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support and personnel services to Families with special needs. Respite care assistance is available to qualified Families.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL

The Information and Referral (I&R) Program is the vital link for information on a wide variety of services and programs available at Fort McCoy, the local community, and at military installations worldwide. The mission of the I&R Program is to provide you with easy access to resources and become YOUR One-Stop Information Source.

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS)

The mission of SOS is to build a unified support program which embraces and reassures Survivors that they are continually linked to the Army Family for as long as they desire. Our Fallen Warriors have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Army has a commitment to their Families. Families deserve our respect, gratitude and the very best we can provide. SOS Coordinators-SOS Financial Counselors-SOS Benefits Coordinators will deliver on that commitment by providing access to support, information and services and by providing services at the closest location to where the Survivor resides when and for as long as they desire.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

ACS offers books, DVDs and CDs for checkout. There are also CAC-enabled laptops available. Stop by today!

FORT MCCOY MWR WEBSITE

Information on ACS programs, current classes, workshops or events at Fort McCoy can be found in the ACS section at www.mccoy.armymwr.com.

MILITARY ONESOURCE

Free services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Military OneSource can be reached at 800-342-9647 or at www.militaryonesource.mil.

ARMY FAMILY WEB PORTAL (AFWP) RESOURCE CENTER

www.armyfamilywebportal.com

Fort McCoy Army Community Service
502-898-3505

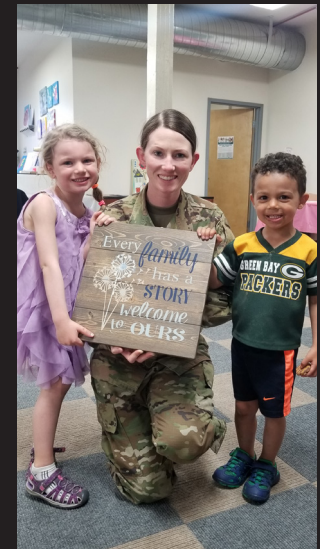
2111 South 8th Avenue | Fort McCoy, WI 54656
Mon - Fri: 0730 - 1600 (or by appointment)
www.mccoy.armymwr.com
www.facebook.com/mccoymwr



FORT MCCOY, WISCONSIN

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Providing Service for Over 58 Years



The mission of Army Community Service (ACS) is to facilitate the commander's ability to provide comprehensive, standardized, coordinated, and responsive services that support Soldiers, Department of the Army (DA) Civilians, and Families regardless of geographical location.

ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN

Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) enables Soldiers, Family members, Retirees and DA Civilians the opportunity to let Army senior leadership know what's working and what's not, along with suggestions on how to correct the issue(s).

ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING

Army Family Team Building (AFTB) is a fun and interactive training program that provides education and training leading to personal resilience and professional development skills. Everyone in the Total Army Family is encouraged to participate.

MOBILIZATION, DEPLOYMENT, AND STABILITY SUPPORT OPERATIONS (MD&SSO)

The MD&SSO Readiness Program provides support throughout the entire deployment cycle. Assistance and training opportunities are provided to Commanders, Soldiers, Families, Family Readiness Group Leaders and Rear Detachment Commanders.

MILITARY & FAMILY LIFE COUNSELORS

The goal of this program is to prevent Family distress by providing education, information and support. Services are free and confidential with no records kept.

RELOCATION READINESS

The Relocation Readiness Program offers pre and post move assessments in order to provide individualized assistance through specialized resources such as Welcome Packets, MilitaryINSTALLATIONS booklets, Military Travel Guides, and books and maps for overseas destinations. Support is also provided through sponsorship training and services to Waiting Families and foreign-born spouses.

Newcomer's Orientation

Newcomer Orientations provide local community and installation specific information to personnel and Families that are new to Fort McCoy. The orientation includes a bus tour of the installation in order for families and Service Members to become familiar with the rich history of Fort McCoy. Orientations are conducted on the second Wednesday of every month.

Lending Closet

A Lending Closet is available for Soldiers and Civilians transitioning in and out of the installation when household goods are in transit. Items available for checkout include air mattresses, microwaves, dishes, vacuum cleaners, televisions, etc. Items can be loaned out for 30 days at a time, with extensions granted as needed.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

The Employment Readiness Program assists individuals in acquiring skills, networks and resources that will allow them to participate in the work force and develop a career/work path. Employment Readiness can provide valuable federal resume and job search assistance.

FINANCIAL READINESS

The Financial Readiness Program provides a practical approach to financial management with the objective of personal control over finances. The program includes training in money management, proper use of credit, financial planning, estate planning, common military training, debt liquidation and sensible budgeting. The goal of the program is to provide tools to handle money wisely and to make informed purchasing decisions.

FAMILY TIME/BUILDING BONDS

These workshops provide Families with resources and events that enhance Family interaction and increase positive Family memories. Workshops provide a variety of programs and information encompassing expecting parents through grandparenting.

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is dedicated to the prevention, education, intervention and treatment of Family violence and child abuse. The FAP provides a variety of services to Soldiers and Families designed to enhance relationship skills and improve Family quality of life. This mission is accomplished through a variety of groups, seminars, workshops and intervention services. Seminars and workshops are available to commanders, units or Families. Unit commanders are encouraged to contact their FAP Manager to schedule workshops and trainings that meet specific needs. Topics include: Command and Troop Education, Community Awareness, Conflict Resolution, Communication Skills, Stress Management, Parent Education, Domestic Violence Prevention and Reporting Procedures. Referrals are made to agencies that can most appropriately assist in providing crisis intervention, emergency housing and legal services.

Victim Advocacy Program

The Victim Advocacy Program provides victims with support, resources and information such as victim rights, methods of reporting, location of safe lodging, assists with emergency food/finances, and aids in establishing immediate and ongoing safety plans.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE & PREVENTION (SHARP)

The Garrison SHARP Team provides Sexual Harassment/ Sexual Assault complainants/victims and their leadership with: policy, guidance, prevention strategies, support, resources, referrals and information to include reporting options, legal services, local medical and behavioral health options, safety plan establishment, and 24/7 advocacy services. They also conduct command team training and assist Garrison units with Leader Led annual training.

Fort McCoy Area Medical Facilities

CLINICS AND HOSPITALS

TOMAH

Tomah Health

501 Gopher Drive, Tomah, Wisconsin 54660
608-372-2181 | FAX: 608-377-8270

Gundersen Health System - Tomah Clinic

505 Gopher Ave, Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-4111

Mayo Clinic Health System

325 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-5951

Tomah VA Medical Center

500 East Veterans Street, Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-3971

SPARTA

Mayo Clinic Health System

310 West Main Street, Sparta, WI 54656
608-269-1770 (Clinic) | 608-269-2132 (Hospital)

Gundersen Health System - Sparta Clinic

1111 Wisconsin Street, Sparta, WI 54656
608-269-6731 | 1-800-554-0380

Monroe County Health Dept Public Health Nursing Services (Preventative Care)

315 W Oak Street, Sparta, WI 54656
608-269-8666

ONALASKA

Mayo Clinic Health System

191 Theater Road, Onalaska, WI 54650
608-392-5000

Gundersen Health System - Onalaska Clinic

3111 Gundersen Drive, Onalaska, WI 54650
800-362-9567

LA CROSSE

Mayo Clinic Health System - Hospital

700 West Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54601
608-785-0940 | 1-800-362-5454

Gundersen Health System - La Crosse

1836 South Avenue, La Crosse, WI 54601
1-800-362-9567

BLACK RIVER FALLS

Krohn Clinic

610 W Adams Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-4311

Black River Memorial Hospital

711 W Adams Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-5361

NEW LISBON

New Lisbon Family Medical Center

901 W Bridge Street, New Lisbon, WI 53950
608-562-3111

HOLMEN

Mayo Clinic Health System

1303 South Main Street, Holmen, WI 54636
608-526-3351

MAUSTON

Mile Bluff Clinic - Mauston

1040 Division Street, Mauston, WI 53948
608-847-5000

Mile Bluff Medical Center (Hospital)

1050 Division Street Mauston, WI 53948
608-847-6161 | 1-800-252-4377

CASHTON & NORWALK

Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers

NOTE: Only open on Mondays & Thursdays

238 Front Street | Cashton, WI 54619
608-654-5100

200 W. North Street
Norwalk, WI 54648
608-823-7853

VIROQUA

Vernon Memorial Healthcare (Hospital)

507 S Main Street, Viroqua, WI 54665
608-637-2101



EFMP Exceptional Family Member Program

2026-2027 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 2 – APRIL 30, 2026.

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts if the pupil wishes to attend a brick and mortar school. There are no limitations to the number of open enrollment applications that can be submitted to a virtual charter school.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2026-27 school year is from February 2-April 30, 2026. The application period closes at 4:00pm on April 30, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school on a regular basis in a school located in the nonresident school district on the days that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located.
- You must know your resident school district to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

Can an application be rejected?

Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education space is not available for the pupil; special education or related services are not available; or if the pupil has been referred for a special education evaluation but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been expelled during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was habitually truant from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

(continued on next page)

Is there a cost for parents to participate in the open enrollment program?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the IEP for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI at the end of the school year for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.



Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is not guaranteed and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

IMPORTANT OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

February 2 – April 30, 2026

Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 5, 2026

Nonresident school districts must send notices of approval or denial via US mail or email. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 12, 2026

Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 26, 2026

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2026-2027 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.



For more information contact:
Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2
openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
<https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

2026-2027

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation, or disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITES

Monroe County

Cashton – <http://www.cashton.k12.wi.us>

Norwalk Ontario Wilton – <http://www.now.k12.wi.us>

Sparta – <http://www.spartan.org>

Tomah – <https://www.tomah.education/>

La Crosse County

Bangor – <http://www.bangor.k12.wi.us>

La Crosse – <https://www.lacrosseschools.org>

Holmen – <http://www.holmen.k12.wi.us>

Onalaska – <http://www.onalaska.k12.wi.us>

West Salem – <http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>

Jackson County

Black River Falls – <http://www.brf.org>

Melrose Mindoro – <http://www.mel-min.k12.wi.us>

Juneau County

Elroy Kendall – www.royall.k12.wi.us

Mauston – <http://www.maustonschools.org>

Necedah – <http://necedahschools.org/>

New Lisbon – <http://newlisbon.k12.wi.us>

SCHOOL RELATED WEBSITES

Cooperative Educational Service Agency #4 – <https://www.cesa4.k12.wi.us>

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction – <https://dpi.wi.gov/>

Homeschooling in WI – <https://homeschooling-wpa.org> (WI Parents Association)

Homeschooling in WI – <https://movingbeyondthepage.com>

School ratings – <https://www.greatschools.org>

Military Child Education Coalition – <https://www.militarychild.org>

WISCONSIN POST SECONDARY EDUCATION WEBSITES

University of Wisconsin System – <https://www.wisconsin.edu/>

University of WI - La Crosse – <https://www.uwlax.edu/>

Wisconsin Technical Colleges – <http://www.wistechcolleges.org/>

Western Technical College – <https://www.westerntc.edu/>

Viterbo University – <http://www.viterbo.edu>

Fort McCoy School Liaison Officer: Rebecca Walley, 502-898-6814;
rebecca.l.walley.naf@army.mil

TOMAH AREA SCHOOLS

District Office
129 W. Clifton St.
608-374-7004

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LaGrange Elementary (Grades 4K-5)
600 Straw Street, Tomah
608-374-7057

Wyeville Elementary (K-5)
225 W. Tomah Road, Wyeville
608-374-7826

Warrens Elementary (Grades 4K-5)
409 Main Street, Warrens
608-374-7800

Camp Douglas Elementary (Grades 2-5)
81 Junction Street, Camp Douglas
608-374-7091

Miller Elementary (Grades K-5)
813 Oak Avenue, Tomah
608-374-7026

Oakdale Elementary (Grades 4K-1)
217 South Oakwood Street, Oakdale
608-374-7081

Tomah High (Grades 9-12)
901 Lincoln Avenue, Tomah
608-374-7358

Robert Kupper Learning Center (Grades 6-Age 20)
1310 Townline Road, Tomah
608-374-7020

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

St. Paul's Lutheran School (Pre-K-8)
505 Superior Ave
608-372-4542

Queen of the Apostles (Pre-K-8)
318 W. Oak St.
608-269-4748

Tomah Area Montessori (Grades 4K-5)
1720 Academy Avenue, Tomah
608-374-5406

Tomah Middle (Grades 6-8)
612 Hollister Avenue, Tomah
608-374-7882

Lemonweir Elementary (Grades 4K-5)
45-15 School Calendar
711 North Glendale Avenue, Tomah
608-374-7847

Point of contact for questions or concerns with the Tomah Area School District.

School Liaison Officer, Fort McCoy
Becky Walley: 502-898-6814
rebecca.l.walley.naf@army.mil

UPDATED DECEMBER 2024

SPARTA AREA SCHOOLS

District Office
900 E. Montgomery St., Sparta
608-366-3400

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SAILS Charter School

High School- 18-20
900 E. Montgomery St, Sparta
608-366-3467

Herrman Elementary (1-4)

925 N. Black River St, Sparta
608-366-3438

Sparta Montessori (Grades PreK-4)

429 N. Black River St, Sparta.
608-366-3438

Meadowview Middle

1225 North Water St, Sparta
608-366-3497

Southside Early Learning Center (Grades Pre-K-K)

1023 Walrath St, Sparta
608-366-3450

Sparta Virtual Learning Academy

bsmith@spartan.org
608-366-3504

Sparta High School Grades (9-12)

1225 N. Water St, Sparta
608-366-3481

Innovations STEM Academy (Grades 6-8)

1225 N. Water St, Sparta
608-366-3481

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

St. John's Lutheran School (Pre-K-8)

405 Jefferson St, Sparta
608-269-6001

St. Patrick's Catholic School (Pre-K-8)

318 W. Oak St, Sparta
608-269-4748

Point of contact for any questions or concerns with the Sparta Area School District.

School Liaison Officer, Fort McCoy

Becky Walley 502-898-6814
Rebecca.l.walley.naf@army.mil

UPDATED DECEMBER 2024

PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM



Parent involvement is a critical indicator of overall program quality and a key factor in the attainment of national accreditation for CYS programs. Successful CYS programs view Families as an integral part of their operation and strive to find meaningful ways for parents to enhance overall program

quality through a variety of program specific participation opportunities. The Parent Participation Program is an important component of parent involvement but is not intended to cover all ways that parents are involved within their child's program.

Parents may earn a fee reduction for volunteering a minimum of ten hours generally in their child's program or on behalf of the entire CYS program.

A 10% reduction on one month's fee for one child may be awarded for each 10 hours of parent participation. Reductions are limited to 10% per child per month.

Parents who participate in the Parent Participation Program will earn points toward a fee reduction based on the number of hours they volunteer. Categories, points of contact for each category, associated abbreviations and corresponding standard approved point values are detailed on the Parent Participation Program Opportunities chart that are displayed in each program.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for off-site activities is provided by Veteran Range Services buses and drivers or by CYS staff in CYS mini-buses.

YOUTH SPONSORSHIP

Youth Sponsorship can help your child/children learn about their new community and make new friends. Getting involved quickly helps children and teens fit in and feel less stress associated with their PCS move. All it takes to join is a visit to the School Age or Youth Center or you can contact the School Liaison Officer.

YOUTH SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION

Contact your School Liaison Officer (SLO) by calling 502.898.6814 or visit <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/us/mccoy/programs/school-liaison-officer> to request a sponsor.

*Our mission
is caring!*



Child & Youth Services (CYS)

Mailing Address: 1668 South J St
Fort McCoy, WI 54656
www.mccoy.armymwr.com

CYS seeks to meet the needs of the Fort McCoy community by providing full day, hourly, and school age services. Parents are encouraged to attend the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings held the second Thu of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov at 11:15 am.



Like Us on Facebook
Search for Fort McCoy CYS

FORT MCCOY SCHOOL AGE CENTER



MISSION: The mission of CYS is to support the readiness and well being of Army Families by reducing conflict between the military mission and parental responsibilities. We reinforce Army values and foster Family self-reliance. Child & Youth Services provides predictable and affordable programs that are inclusive of baseline requirements and enrichment opportunities. We commit to sustained quality in all service areas through timely and appropriate training, well-executed plans and operations that allow for a seamless delivery of service.

PHILOSOPHY: The philosophy of CYS is to support and promote an age-appropriate, loving, supervised and secure environment for children and youth. Our hands-on approach, for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age, encourages positive peer interactions while developing a positive self-esteem that fosters independence and self-growth. The highly trained staff of CYS recognizes that quality childcare is a top priority. We offer children and youth a place to grow at their own pace. Through a carefully planned and prepared environment, children and youth are offered varied developmental opportunities to grow physically, socially, emotionally, aesthetically, intellectually and independently. A trained professional staff plans activities based on the children's ages, personalities and cultural backgrounds.



BILL OF RIGHTS

YOUTH BILL OF RIGHTS

As a youth attending the School Age Center, I have the right to:

- Learn and play in a safe environment.
 - I will not be bullied or bully others.
- Be respected as an individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
 - I will be treated fairly and will treat others fairly.
- Be heard and allowed to ask questions and voice my opinion.
 - I will be listened to and will listen to others.
- Have fun!

PARENT BILL OF RIGHTS

As the parent or guardian of a youth attending the School Age Center, I have the right to:

- Visit the program to observe and interact with my child at any time.
- Volunteer in my child's classroom or at program special events.
- Request a parent-teacher conference to discuss my child's development at any time.
- Participate in bi-monthly Family Advisory Board (FAB) meetings.
- Be notified when my youth is injured, requires medical care, or has behavioral concerns.
- Expect a learning environment that is nurturing and safe both physically and emotionally.
- Receive written notification if there are changes in policies or procedures.



SCHOOL AGE CENTER (SAC)

Location: Building 1792

Hours of Operation: 0630 - 1730 Summer & Non-School Days; 1430 - 1730 After School
Phone: 502.898.4373

SAC is open to children Kindergarten through 5th grade and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

The SAC is a member of 4-H and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The 5 Core Service Areas and Clubs within each are:

1. The Arts

Art Club, Drama Club, Photo Club

2. Education Support and Career Development

Power Hour Homework Room, Tech Club, Computer Lab, Career Exploration, Literacy Programs

3. Character and Leadership Development

CHARACTER COUNTS!, Citizenship Club, Youth Council, 4H Club, Bully Prevention Workshops, Youth Sponsorship

4. Sports, Fitness, and Recreation

StartSmart Sports, Triple Play, Games Room Tournaments, Pick Up Sports, Sports Clinics, Bowling, Swimming, Fitness Classes, Open Gym

5. Health, Wellness and Life Skills

Triple Play, Smart Moves, Cooking Club, Healthy Habits, Financial Readiness, Tech Club

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM FOR SAC

- * Field Trips to MWR Facilities
- * Sports Camps
- * Weekly Swimming
- * Variety of Clubs offered daily

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR SAC

- * Transportation is provided after school from Tomah and Sparta
- * Snack, Power Hour Homework Room and a variety of clubs are offered daily
- * Full Time and Hourly Care available

CYS PROGRAMS

PARENT CENTRAL SERVICES (PCS)

Location: Building 1765

Hours of Operation: 0800 - 1630

Phone: 502.898.8956

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC)

Location: Building 1796

Hours of Operation: 0630 - 1715

Phone: 502.898.2238

YOUTH CENTER (YC)

Location: Building 1792

Hours of Operation: 0630 - 1730 Summer & Non-School Days; 1430 - 1730 After School

Phone: 502.898.4373

SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

Location: Building 1765

Phone: 502.898.6814

OUTREACH SERVICES

Location: Building 1765

Phone: 502.898.6814

CYS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Active duty military, Appropriated Fund (APF) or Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) DoD civilian personnel, Reservists and National Guard personnel on active duty or during inactive duty training, and combat-related wounded warriors; surviving spouses of military members who died from a combat-related incident; those acting in loco parentis for the dependent child of an otherwise eligible patron; eligible employees of DoD contractors; and others authorized on space-available basis.

Community Sport Information

Sparta & Tomah

Basketball

***Sparta Basketball Association (Boy's and Girl's 4th -8th Grade)**

Email: spartabasketballassociation@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.spartabasketballassociation.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sbasparta/

Registration: Early Registration May, prices go up in June.

***Tomah Youth Basketball (Boy's and Girl's 4th-8th Grade)**

Email:

Website: <http://tomahyouthbasketball.com/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/people/Tomah-Youth=Basketball/100064861473365/

Registration: Opens=September; Closes: 1 October

Baseball

***Sparta Youth Baseball Association (3rd- 8th Grade)**

Email: spartayouthbaseball@gmail.com

Website: <https://spartayouthbaseball.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/spartayouthbaseball>

Registration:

***Tomah Youth Baseball**

-Rookie League: Entering Kindergarten & 1st Grade (5u & 6u)

-Minor League: Entering 2nd & 3rd Grade (7u & 8u)

-Major League: Entering 4th & 5th Grade (9u & 10u)

-Major League: Entering 6th-9th Grades (11u to 14u)

NOTE: Grade is in the coming Fall.

Email: tomahyouthbaseball@yahoo.com

Website: <http://tomahyouthbaseball.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tomahyouthbaseball>

Registration:

Soccer

***Sparta Soccer Club (K-8th Grade)**

Email: soccer4sparta@gmail.com

Website:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063453497969>

Registration:

***Tomah Youth Soccer Association (3–18-year-olds)**

Email: info@tomahyouthsoccer.org

Website: www.tomahyouthsoccer.org

Facebook:

Registration:

-Fall=June/July

*Season=Mid to late August-October

-Spring

-Summer

Hockey

***Sparta Youth Hockey (3 - 15-year-olds)**

Email: contact@spartayouthhockey.com

Website: www.spartahockey.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/spartayouthhockey>

Phone: 608-487-9498

***Tomah Youth Hockey**

Email: tomahhockeypres@gmail.com

Website: www.tomahhockey.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/220522314673415/>

Volleyball

***Sparta Sparks Volleyball Club (4th-8th Grade)**

Email: spartasparksvball@gmail.com

Website:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064826405913>

Registration:

Softball

***Tomah Stix Softball (10u – 14u)**

Email: tomahstix1@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.spartabasketballassociation.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tomahstix

Registration: January?

Wrestling

***Tomah Youth Wrestling (K-8th Grade)**

Email: tomahyouthwrestling@gmail.com

Website:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057343006584>

Registration:

***LaCrosse Area Wrestlers (LAW) (K- College Level)**

Email: lacrosseareawc@gmail.com

Website: www.laxareawrestlers.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LacrosseAreaWrestlers>

Registration:

Figure Skating

***7 Rivers Figure Skating**

Email: sevenriversfsc@hotmail.com

Website:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/7RiversFSC>

Gymnastics:

***AMKM Gymnastics (Sparta & Rockland)**

Email: amkmgymnastics@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.amkmgymnastics.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/amkmgymnastics#>

Phone: 1-608-498-5571

Dance:

***Steele Motion Dance Academy: Sparta: (Ages 2+)**

Website: <https://www.steelemotion.dance/page/about>

Phone: 1-734-627-7632

For other sports/clubs in other communities, please contact me and I would be happy to research for the sports/clubs in your area.

**Rebecca Walley
Outreach Services Director/School Liaison Officer
Phone: 502-898-6814
Email: rebecca.l.walley.naf@army.mil**



CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Sponsorship

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Did you recently receive PCS orders and have a child that's worried about moving? Maybe you've heard them wonder:

Who will my new friends be?

What will my new school look like?

What activities/sports are available?

Will I fit in?

What are the other kids wearing?

The Youth Sponsorship Program connects your child to another youth in the new community to answer these questions and so much more.

Why should my child request a sponsor? A sponsor:

- Allows your child to **get to know their community before they arrive.**
- Provides them with someone who can **show them the ropes** in their new community.
- Helps reduce social isolation, leading to a **healthier transition** with reduced stress and at-risk behaviors.
- Gives youth a **youth perspective** on their new community and school.

- Allows you to focus on other aspects of transition, knowing that your child's needs are being met.

What does the Youth Sponsorship Program provide for my child?

- Their sponsor will provide them a **welcome packet and information** about their new community before they arrive.
- Upon arrival their sponsor will arrange for them to have a **tour of the community** and, once you know which school they will be attending, **provide information about the school** and arrange for a tour there as well.
- Various activities and events will help your child **meet new people, learn about their school and community, and expose them to various activities and events.**

How do I get a sponsor assigned to my child?

- Once you receive PCS orders contact your School Liaison Officer.

What is a Youth Sponsor?

Youth Sponsors are at both the youth center and the school and provide information about the community and school to their sponsee via welcome packets, e-mail, and face-to-face communication

- Youth Sponsors **ensure their assigned sponsees have the right information** to help them learn about their community and school and connect to other youth who have similar interests.
- They plan events that help transitioning youth feel more **connected to their community.**
- They are **leaders** in their school and community.

Why Should my Child Become a Youth Sponsor?

- **Builds a sense of belonging** in their community and to **give back to others**
- Teaches new **coping and resilience strategies** that can assist your child when they transition
- Builds **leadership** experience
- Provides opportunities for **service learning hours**
- Offers opportunities to **participate** in training and programs with other youth across the community
- Provides **adult mentorship**
- **Inspires** youth to be an active part of their community

How can my child become a Youth Sponsor? *Contact your local installation youth center or School Liaison Officer.*

Fort McCoy School Liaison Officer: Rebecca L. Walley

Phone: 502-898-6814

Location: Bldg.1765, South "F" Street

Email: rebecca.l.walley.naf@mail.mil



Sponsee Information Sheet

Sponsee Name:			
Phone Number:		E-Mail:	
Grade:	Sex:	School:	
Assigned Sponsor:			
Date of Request:	Digital Welcome Packet:	Introduction E-Mail:	Introduction Phone Call Date:
Date of Arrival Meeting:	Date of Initial Orientation/Tour:	Date of Installation Orientation/Tour:	Date of School
Activities/Hobbies:			
Sports:			
Clubs:			
Questions:			
Hand-Off to School Sponsor:		School Sponsor Name:	
Exit Date:	Notification of Exit to Parents:	Assessment Completed:	

FORT MCCOY ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Army Community Service (ACS) enhances the well-being and quality of life of Fort McCoy military members, Families and civilians by providing real life solutions for successful Army living.

JUNE 2026

OVERSEAS BRIEF

June 1 | Korea 10 am | Germany 11 am | Hawaii 1:30 pm | Army Community Service (B2111)

Get essential information before your assignment outside of the continental U.S.

To register, please [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2359.

SPIN YOUR OWN WOODEN PEN

June 2, 11 or 16 | 4 pm - 6:30 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

Spend time with your Family making memories! Start with a blank block of wood, use the lathe to customize and finish with a high gloss coat of wax. All materials and instruction provided.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-6507.

PLAY MORNINGS

June 2, 16 & 23 | 10 am - 12 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

Our playgroup offers toys, books, and other materials to help strengthen your child's social-emotional skills, creativity, play and cognitive development. To register,

[e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2412.

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

June 5 | Military Personnel: 10 - 11 am | Civilian Personnel: 1 - 2 pm

Army Community Service (B2111)

Get equipped with the strategies and tools to sponsor incoming personnel. To register,

[e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2359.

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

June 10 | 8 am - 1 pm | McCoy's Community Center (B1571)

Are you new to Fort McCoy? Come and learn what we have to offer. Breakfast is provided.

Spouses are encouraged to attend. To register, [e-mail here](#) or call 502-898-2359.

The ACS Office will be closed on June 19 in recognition of Juneteenth.

Meet your new ACS Financial Readiness Specialist



MIKE LARSEN

I was fortunate to be hired as an Army Community Service Specialist in April 2023 and assumed the administration of the Financial Readiness Program since May 2025 when the previous Financial Readiness Program Manager retired. I inquired with the ACS Director about the Financial Readiness Program Manager

vacancy and worked through the process to reassign me to this position. I'm glad the outcome was successful and look forward to working in this capacity.

As the Personal Financial Readiness Specialist, I'm available to provide free, one-on-one financial consultations and provide educational classes focusing on financial readiness to help civilian personnel, service members and their families develop and manage budgets, eliminate debt, build credit, and prepare for financial milestones.

My goals are to provide advice and consultations focusing on cash flow/income management and techniques to reduce spending and debt to increase monthly surplus income. Check the ACS newsletter and emails for scheduled financial presentations at ACS building in the future.

As an Army Emergency Relief (AER) Officer, I provide guidance for compiling and submitting AER applications for requesting financial assistance for eligible Active-Duty, AGR and Retirees as well.

Upcoming Events & Trainings

ALL ABILITIES CRAFT NIGHT

June 11, July 16 & August 13 | 4:30 pm - 7 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

Art offers individuals with all abilities a way to communicate. Practicing art has been shown to increase fine motors skills, improve focus, gain self-confidence, strengthen cognitive development and improve mood. Choose from a variety of art projects including sensory crafts, stamping, canvas painting, scrapbooking and more! To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-7262.

CRAFTING YOUR RESILIENCE

June 13 | 9 am - 12 pm | ACS Family Building (B2161)

Join us as we explore a resilience skill and enjoy crafting at the same time! Select from the many crafts available or bring your own you are working on. EFMP Families may begin at 8 am. To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-6712.

MAGIC OF CONNECTIONS MAGIC SHOW

June 24 | McCoy's Community Center (B1571) | Show Times: 2:30 - 3:15 pm; 4:00 - 4:45 pm; 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Join us for a thought-provoking magic show guaranteed to amuse audiences of all ages. Afterward, visit our interactive display tables to chat, learn, and take home resources to make your own magical connections. To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-2412.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

August 12 | 9 am - 10 am | Army Community Service (B2111)

Learn about budgeting, financial records, savings, expenses, long-term goals, credit and debt management, and techniques for how to increase monthly income surplus. To register, [email here](#) or call 502-898-6507.



EFMP Exceptional Family Member Program

Summer SENSORY Series

JOIN US FOR SOME FAMILY FUN THIS SUMMER!
The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) invites you to our interactive Summer Sensory Series! Explore, create, and connect with your family in a fun, supportive atmosphere designed for play!

EXPLORE A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES!
Build with kinetic sand, splash around at the water table, stretch and squish gooey slime, chase giant bubbles, and much more!

Activities are geared for EFMP Families but the events are open to the entire Fort McCoy community.

JUNE 26 • JULY 17 • AUG 14
ACS FAMILY BUILDING • 3-5 PM
(B2161)

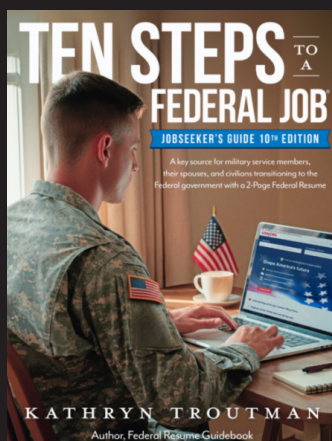
TO REGISTER CALL 502.898.7262 | Event is Free! Please Register 1 week prior to the event. Space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
OR EMAIL: sarah.l.wiedenfeld.civ@army.mil

Follow us on Facebook! Fort McCoy Army Community Service

Logos: US Army, US Air Force, US Navy, US Marine Corps, US Coast Guard, ACS

Announcing the Newly Updated "Ten Steps to a Federal Job®" Workshop!

Get the guidance you need to land a federal job. Our workshop, formerly known as "USAJOBS & Federal Resume Writing," has been completely updated with a new name and new content.



NEW NAME: The workshop is now titled Ten Steps to a Federal Job®

UPDATED CONTENT: The workshop features a new, updated PowerPoint and the latest information to help you master the federal hiring process.

COURSE WORKBOOK: Attendees will receive "Ten Steps to a Federal Job®" by Kathryn Troutman to use as an instructional guide and workbook for the class.

UPCOMING 2026 DATES: Jul 15, Sep 23, Nov 3

NEW TIME: Please note the new time is from 9 am - 12 pm

LOCATION: Army Community Service, 2111 South 8th Avenue

EXPERT INSTRUCTION: Learn from a Certified Federal Job Search Trainer and Certified Federal Career Coach.

HOW TO REGISTER: Call ACS at 502-898-6712 or email lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil. Registration is required 2 days prior to the workshop.

ARMY
EMERGENCY
RELIEF

MRS.
PATTY SHINSEKI

Angela G.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ARMY SPOUSES

Applications accepted year round

The Mrs. Patty Shinseki Scholarship Program is based on an applicant's financial need and was established to assist Spouses of Soldiers continuing their educations.

"I am so grateful for this opportunity, and I know that it wouldn't be possible without the tremendous amount of generous donations."

Angela G.
Shinseki scholarship recipient

Go to aerhq.org/scholarships/spouse or scan the QR code for more information about this program.



SHINSEKI SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

IN THE LAST 15 YEARS

70,000 scholarships totaling more than \$125 million have been awarded to Army spouses and children.

ELIGIBILITY

- ★ Applicant must be a dependent spouse and register in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) as such.
- ★ Student must be pursuing their first undergraduate degree as a full-time or part-time student at an accredited institution.
- ★ Applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale.
- ★ Students must not be a member of the National Guard, Reserves or other military branch.

AERHQ.org ★ 866-878-6378
2530 Crystal Dr., Suite 13161
Arlington, VA 22202



AER



Fort McCoy ACS has a new Facebook page!

Scan the QR below to LIKE and FOLLOW our page to keep current with everything ACS has to offer you and your Family!



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578385265653>

KINDNESS KORNER

Joyful summer days begin,
Underneath the warming sun.
Nature blooms for everyone,
Endless light when day is done.

Keeping fathers in our hearts,
In the breeze, the flag flies high.
Noble deeds where kindness
starts,
Doing good beneath the sky.
Never doubt the care we show,
Empathy is ours to share.
Sharing smiles to help us grow,
Spreading kindness everywhere.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

New Partnership Creates Job Opportunities for Fort McCoy Spouses

A new and exciting partnership between the Tomah Chamber & Visitors Center and Fort McCoy is set to make it easier for military spouses to find meaningful employment in the local community. The Military Spouse Hiring Initiative (MSHI), officially launched through a formal agreement, encourages Tomah-area employers to prioritize the hiring of our talented military spouses. This initiative recognizes the unique challenges spouses face with frequent relocations and aims to connect them with local businesses that value their exceptional skills, professionalism, and resilience.



How Does It Work for Spouses?

The cornerstone of this initiative is the “First Look” commitment. Local businesses that become “Pledge Partners” with the Tomah Chamber have pledged to:

- Review applications from qualified military spouses with a priority lens.
- Guarantee an initial interview to spouse candidates who meet the minimum qualifications for a vacant position.

This initiative is designed to help you get your foot in the door and overcome the “resume gap” that can result from a mobile military life. It provides a direct connection to employers who are actively seeking to hire from our highly skilled and motivated military spouse community.

While this program does not guarantee employment, it ensures that your qualifications will be seen and considered, providing a crucial opportunity to showcase your talents directly to hiring managers. This partnership not only strengthens our military families by providing critical economic stability but also enriches the local Tomah economy by connecting businesses with an exceptional talent pool.

Just the Beginning

Please keep in mind that this exciting initiative is currently in its initial stages. We are working closely with the Tomah Chamber to bring even more community employers on board. Stay tuned—there will be much more to come as we continue to expand these opportunities for our military families!

Your Point of Contact

For more information about the Military Spouse Hiring Initiative and to get assistance with your resume and interview skills, please reach out to our Army Community Service, Employment Readiness Specialist: Lorie L. Retzlaff, lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil, 502-898-6712.



RELOCATION COMPASS

Built for the Long Haul

PCS season can be frustrating. You get somewhere new and want everything to fall into place quickly, but it rarely happens that way. The routines feel off, the house still does not feel settled, and everyone is trying to adjust at the same time. For many military fathers and service members, work responsibilities do not slow down while all of that is happening. People are still counting on you even while you are figuring things out yourself.

That is where patience starts to look different. Not sitting around waiting for things to get easier but continuing to show up every day and helping your Family slowly turn a new place into home. Around Father's Day, it is a reminder that many military fathers carry that responsibility quietly through consistency, presence, and simply being there through the process. Sometimes that means balancing long days at work while still making time for your Family at home. Sometimes it means carrying stress without letting it spill over onto the people around you. Other times, it is simply being present even when you are exhausted yourself. Along the way, ACS is here as your compass, helping Soldiers and Families stay connected, supported, and moving forward through the process.

More than P.A.T.I.E.N.C.E.

P.A.T.I.E.N.C.E. is about the habits, connections, and support systems that help military Families continue moving forward during PCS season.

P - Prioritize What Matters Most: Focusing on the most immediate needs first helps keep PCS season from feeling overwhelming.

A - Ask for Guidance: Sponsors, ACS staff, and community resources can help answer questions and point Families in the right direction.

T - Take Advantage of Resources: Programs like Employment Readiness, Financial Readiness, EFMP support, and the Lending Closet are designed to help ease the demands that come with relocation.

I - Involve the Whole Family: Helping children and spouses feel included in routines, activities, and new experiences can help everyone feel more connected.

E - Explore Your Community: Getting out, attending local events, and discovering Wisconsin helps unfamiliar surroundings start to feel more familiar.

N - Network with Others: Connections through Newcomers Orientation, volunteer opportunities, and community groups help build support along the way.

C - Create Opportunities to Recharge: Taking time for simple moments together helps Families stay balanced during busy seasons.

E - Establish New Routines: Consistent routines help create stability and confidence in a new environment.

Visit ACS at 2111 S. 8th Ave to connect with these programs to support your relocation goals.

CARVED BY TIME

Cave of the Mounds



Cave of the Mounds offers a different pace from the busy rhythm that often comes with PCS season. Walking through the cave naturally slows things down. The rock formations took thousands of years to form, shaped gradually over time into something people now travel from all over to experience.

There is something about that perspective that connects with military life. Not everything comes together quickly. Routines take time. Confidence takes time. Feeling connected to a new place takes time.

For many military Families, Father's Day is less about big plans and more about spending quality time together away from schedules and responsibilities for a while. Places like this create space to explore something new together and enjoy moments that feel simple during a busy season.

Experiences like these help a duty station feel less temporary. Over time, they become part of the memories and routines Families carry with them long after the move is over.

Stop by the ACS office at 2111 S 8th Ave to pick up a Discover Wisconsin Scratch-Off Card and uncover hidden gems across the state!

RELOCATION READINESS

THE LINK



What Service Looks Like at Home

When people think about military life, they usually picture the uniform, the long hours, the training schedules, and everything that comes with serving. What people do not always see is everything happening at home at the same time. The spouse trying to keep things steady when life feels all over the place. The parent balancing routines, responsibilities, and the emotional weight that comes with military life. The Family adjusting to another move, another change, or another stretch of long days apart.

Military life has a way of wearing on people quietly. Not always through the big moments, but through the constant ones. The cancelled plans, the missed dinners, the exhaustion that builds over time. Trying to hold everything together while still figuring things out yourself. And somehow, military Families keep moving forward.

June carries a different meaning for many military Families because Father's Day often looks different here. For some, it means time together. For others, it means working around military schedules, distance, or time apart. For many spouses and parents, it is a reminder that showing up for your Family is not always loud or visible. Sometimes it looks like patience. Sometimes it looks like simply making it through another long week together.

That is Where the Link Shows Up

In conversations between spouses who understand. In someone sharing advice that helped their Family settle in. In the small moments when someone reminds another person, they are not carrying military life alone. Over time, those moments matter more than people realize because that is how military communities are built. one connection at a time.

STAY CONNECTED

Connection doesn't always happen on its own. Sometimes it starts with showing up. Here are few ways to stay connected and find your place.

WOODEN PEN WORKSHOP

June 2, 11 & 16 | 4 - 6:30 pm

ACS Building Bonds Workshop

Spend time with your Family making memories.

PLAY MORNINGS

June 2, 16 & 23 | 9 am - 12 pm | ACS Family Building

A casual space for kids to play while you meet other parents and build connections.

ALL ABILITIES CRAFT NIGHT

June 11 | 4:30 pm - 7 pm | ACS Family Building

Relax, create, and connect with others in a laid-back setting where you and your Family members can work on your choice of art projects.

NEW! SUMMER SENSORY SERIES

June 26 | 3 - 5 pm | ACS Family Building

An interactive summer experience designed to help Families explore, create, and connect in a supportive atmosphere.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lending Closet

We temporarily loan housekeeping items to incoming or outgoing Fort McCoy personnel while their items are in transit.



ITEMS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

- Air Mattresses
- Tables & Chairs
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Coffee Pots
- Dishes
- Microwaves
- Instant Pots
- Electric Griddles

STOP IN TO ACS OR CALL 502-898-2359 TO LEARN MORE





SHARE A *Recipe* SHARE A *Story*

Turning everyday recipes into shared connection,
resilience and readiness for the Fort McCoy community.

SHARE

your family's favorite
recipes and the stories
that make them special.

CONNECT

with your community at
a fun, quarterly food
gatherings.

NOURISH

your family and spiritual
wellness through the simple
joy of sharing.

Monthly Recipe Submissions

Submit your family-tested recipes to ACS by the 15th of each month
by emailing jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil



Flavors of Fort McCoy is where the community shares recipes that carried us through busy seasons.

This recipe was shared by Jesse Ogundu and reflects Family traditions and memories.

STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

Prep Time: 35 min plus chill & freeze time

Cook Time: 1 hr. 30 min | Servings: 10 - 12



INGREDIENTS:

CHEESECAKE

- 5 blocks of cream cheese
- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- 1½ tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp almond extract

STRAWBERRY GLAZE

- 2 lbs. fresh strawberries
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 tbsp lemon juice

CRUST (or 2 premade crusts)

- 1½ cups graham crumbs
- ½ stick butter
- Baker's Joy spray

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Blend cream cheese, sugar, heavy cream, extracts, and eggs until smooth.
3. Mix butter with graham crumbs and press into a sprayed springform pan.
4. Pour filling into crust and bake 30 minutes at 325 degrees.
5. Lower oven to 250 degrees and bake for 1 hour until edges are lightly tan.
6. Cool cheesecake for 1 hour.
7. Blend strawberries and cook with sugar and lemon juice until slightly reduced.
8. Stir cornstarch with water, add to strawberries, and cook until thick and glossy.
9. Cool glaze and pour evenly over cheesecake.
10. Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours, then freeze overnight until firm.
11. Let it sit at room temperature for 10 minutes before serving.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Growing up, everybody had a dessert made just for them at family gatherings and special occasions. For Jesse, it was strawberry cheesecake. Grandma would always bring over several desserts, but she still made sure there was one cheesecake set aside just for him. Even as he got older, she never stopped making his personal cheesecake. Over time, it became more than a dessert. It became part of the memories, the love, and the moments that still come rushing back every time strawberry cheesecake is made today.

FAMILY ADVOCACY

Keeping Your Children Safe

Reference: Military One Source



In many ways, parenting is a lot like a military job — it's a 24/7/365 commitment. As a parent, you are balancing the elements of your life with your child's needs, and it can be tricky to manage. Your work, your relationship with your partner, even daily tasks, like laundry can make it challenging to be ever-present for your children.

At the same time, you know that any lack of attention, including leaving a child alone at home, in the car, in the bathtub or in a public area, such as a playground creates a higher risk for childhood injuries and even a tragedy.

>> **CLICK HERE** to continue reading the article to learn important ways to help keep children safe.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WORSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

The Religious Support Office is looking for volunteers to assist with Sunday Worship Services as a Worship Team Member.

NEEDED

SUNDAYS

2 HOURS BETWEEN

8 AM - 2 PM

AT THE

FORT McCOY RELIGIOUS SUPPORT OFFICE

FOR MORE INFO CALL **502-898-6507**

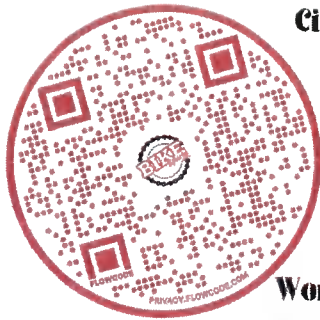
OR EMAIL: **michael.d.larsen.civ@army.mil**

For additional Ft. McCoy volunteer opportunities, please visit:
<https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/volunteer/opportunities>



@FortMcCoyMWR





City of Sparta Resources



Maps of Sparta



Work Opportunities

Sparta, WI News

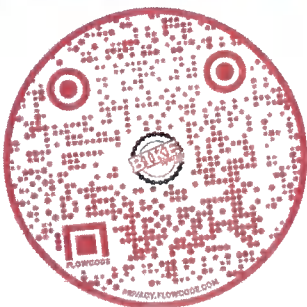
Pedal • Paddle • Fish
SPARTA, WISCONSIN

BIKE Sparta.com

WELCOME TO
SPARTA
BICYCLING CAPITAL OF AMERICA

BIKESPARTA.COM • 800-354-BIKE

SPARTA



Calendar

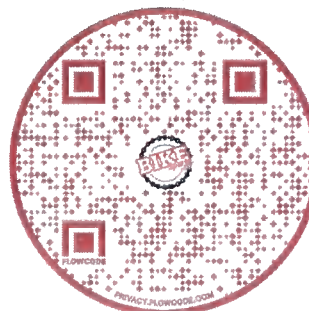
Shop in Sparta



Stay in Sparta



Monthly Newsletter



Eat in Sparta

Your future belongs in Tomah!

Whether you're looking to move or starting a new career... we want to welcome you to our community!

Tomah, Wisconsin is conveniently located where the I-divides (interstate I-90/I-94) and sits between Fort McCoy and Volk Field military bases. We're home to the Budweiser Dairyland Super National Truck & Tractor Pull, the Monroe County Fair, Downtown Thursday Nights, Squirrel Fest, and friendly neighbors to the Warrens Cranberry Festival. Tomah offers many job opportunities ranging from medical, to educational, to industrial, to hospitality, to service, and so much more! We invite you to explore our area's industry, restaurants, shops, youth programs, community organizations, and our park system including a 6 mile recreation trail!

Live here, work here, play here! Start the next chapter of your life here in Tomah, WI!



Tomah Chamber & Visitors Center

If you have questions about our community, feel free to reach out to the Tomah Chamber & Visitors Center. We are here to help!



City of Tomah

Tomah is a city in Monroe County with a population of 9,570 as of the 2020 census. It has 11 parks, a citywide recreation trail, and an aquatic center. The Tomah Parks and Recreation Department administers recreational programs for youth and adults. It also has its own Ambulance, Fire, and Police Departments, a Public Library, and a Senior & Disabled Services Center.



Job Opportunities

Looking for a job? Empower your next move! See what job opportunities are community has for you!



Education

Tomah serves education grades 3K through College including the Tomah Area School District (TASD), Western Technical College, Queen of the Apostles Catholic School, St. Paul Lutheran School, Tomah Baptist Academy, and Tomah School of Childhood. TASD is central to many metro Wisconsin areas and serves over 3,000 students. TASD administers seven elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, an alternative school, a Montessori Public Charter school, and a 4K program at various locations.

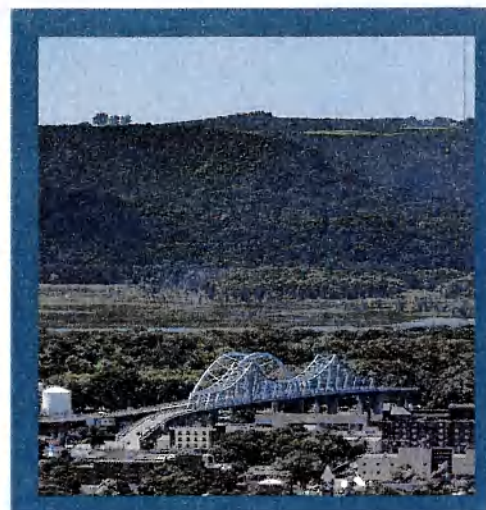


Community Events

Keep in touch with Tomah's community events by visiting our community calendar or follow us at Facebook.com/TomahChamberandCVB. Good times start in Tomah!

WELCOME TO GREATER LA CROSSE!

WE'RE SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!
USE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES TO
HELP YOU WITH RELOCATION, LEARN
MORE ABOUT THE AREA, AND JUMP
START YOUR CAREER SEARCH.



**The Choose La Crosse relocation website can answer
your questions about relocating to Greater La Crosse.**

Find information on the following, and more:

- Demographics
- Major employers
- Nearby communities
- Schools
- Transportation
- Outdoor and indoor recreation
- Mover's guide
- Family activities
- Shopping
- Volunteering and connecting with community organizations



**Explore La Crosse, our Convention and Visitor's Bureau,
contains a wealth of information on recreation in the
region. From restaurants and entertainment to outdoor
and indoor recreation, you're sure to find ways to spend
your time in Greater La Crosse.**



**Looking for a new career after relocating? Just click the
"Recruit Me" button on our Thrive in the Heart of
La Crosse website. Submit your contact information
and resume, which we will distribute to over 300 of our
area's employers looking for great candidates like you.**

Visit www.thriveinlacrosse.com.



www.lacrossechamber.com





Fort McCoy ACS has a new Facebook page!

Scan the QR below to LIKE and FOLLOW our page to keep current with everything ACS has to offer you and your Family!



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578385265653>