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German kindergarten students visit Ansbach fire department

By Josh Robinson,
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany -- Fourteen kindergarten students from Lichtenau had the rare opportunity recently to tour the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach's fire station in Katterbach.

The children, along with some of their parents and chaperones, were able to see where firefighters work and how they spend their days, accomplishing their many tasks and dangerous mission.

Another group of some 50 young children from Ansbach came the following day, visiting the Katterbach fire station.

Their faces lit up with excitement when they saw the firefighters' equipment and especially the huge firetrucks.

The children watched in amazement as Ute Holmes and Sabine Searles, fire inspectors for Katterbach, demonstrated how firefighters would slide down the station's pole during an emergency situation.

Searles and Holmes also taught them about the dangers of playing with fire and providing important safety tips. The fire inspectors also



Soleil Vaughn
Fire Inspector Sabine Searles explains the protective gear her colleague Ute Holmes is wearing to students from the Lichtenau kindergarten and their chaperones.

explained how U.S. Army and host nation must use during dangerous missions, the firefighters work together to keep community children explored the inside of a firetruck. members safe.

After Holmes asked students to help choose the important pieces of safety equipment firefighters

Kindergarten students also had the opportunity

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Technologically Savvy



Nathan Van Schaik

Alwin Puschmann of IBC Systems demonstrates features of Smart Board technology at the Technology Expo July 24 at Schweinfurt's Conn Club and Pavillion. More than 30 exhibitors showcased their systems in communications, security, power supply and more. All members of the community were invited to attend the free event put on by the National Conference Services Inc. in partnership with the 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion.

Open Academy provides options for those seeking high school diplomas

By Heidi Sanders,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Soldiers and family members looking to obtain a high school diploma will soon have a new option.

In August, the American Preparatory Institute – an operating unit of Central Texas College – will launch the Open Academy, an accredited online high school that will award students high school diplomas upon completion of the 22-credit program.

The program is ideal for adults who want to earn a high school

diploma, but it is also available to high-school age students who have completed lower grades, according to the Open Academy's website.

Phil Madlang, counselor aide at the Bamberg Education Center, said having the option to receive a high school diploma instead of a General Educational Development test will be beneficial.

"Some schools and some organizations – even within the Army – require a high school diploma versus a GED," Madlang said. "I think it

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No-show dental appointments reduced in Schweinfurt

Sarah Chambers, USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs volunteer

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- Attendance statistics for dental appointments show that the number of missed appointments here has decreased steadily.

Despite the strong improvement in patient reliability, the garrison's goal of less than 2 percent of no-shows has not been reached yet and patients are encouraged to continue to do well and maybe even a little better.

The initiative to reduce missed dental appointments started several months back, when Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, commanding general of U.S. Army Europe, [emphasized the issue](#).

The Schweinfurt Dental Clinic accepted the challenge and decided to act by educating patients through broad information dissemination.

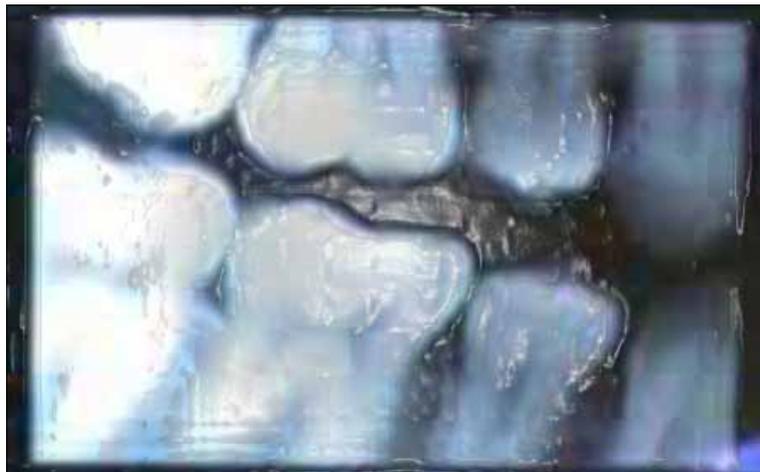
"The positive trend is a result of pushing command to get more service members and their dependents to comply with the scheduling and appointment policy," said Maj. Azure L. Utley D.D.S., the officer in charge for the Schweinfurt dental clinic.

In recent months the number of failed appointments has dropped from 8.9 percent in April to 4.8 percent in May and proceeded to drop to 3.14 percent for June.

The majority of missed appointments were those of family members, stated Utley.

"Members of the community should keep in mind that maintaining your health through regularly scheduled appointments will help you to continue upholding the values of personal safety and well-being," said Utley.

To help improve the quality of care in our community Utley recommended calling the clinic eight hours in advance if patients are not able to keep



Courtesy Photo

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an appointment.

The earlier the notification the more time the clinic will have to fill the open slot, helping other patients and everyone involved save time and money.

Medical and dental appointments are usually made four weeks in advance, allowing time to plan accordingly.

The Schweinfurt Dental Clinic makes health the number one priority, but needs the collaboration of the entire community to succeed in improving appointment attendance, patients' access and achieve the community goal of less than 2 percent of missed dental appointments.

Army, NFL collaborate on traumatic brain injury helmet sensors

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, July 18, 2012) -- The National Football League now wants to put into the helmets of its players the same type of sensors used by the Army to evaluate concussive events that could lead to traumatic brain injury.



To read more on this story, click [here](#).

World Class Athlete Program mission: Win the Olympics

FORT BLISS, Texas -- Service members have participated in the Olympics since 1896 as athletes and as coaches in both the summer and winter games. In 1997, the Army created the World Class Athlete Program with the explicit goal of competing ...



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Herrieden Shoot strengthens German-American partnership



Stephanie Oscarson and Capt. Travis Oscarson during their final shoot off, which ended badly for Capt. Oscarson.

By John O'Brien,
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany -- On July 13, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach celebrated its 18th year of hosting the annual Herrieden Shoot and the 29th year of partnership between U.S. Soldiers, the town of Herrieden and the Ellwangen Bundeswehr Transportation Battalion.

"Far and away this was the most successful event ever experienced," said, Karl Boch, the organizer from Herrieden.

The Ellwangen Bundeswehr Transportation Training Unit, German Polizei, representatives from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army Europe and the Katterbach Warrior

Transition Unit, were among those who participated in the event. The majority of the teams were residents of Herrieden, and teams were an even mix of Germans and Americans.

The competition required six-person teams to register and compete. They were given two magazines, one with three rounds and the other with six. The weapons used were M16s and they were set to mechanical site zero.

Upon safely taking a prone supported position, competitors first shot the three-round magazine. They then checked their targets for the location the rounds struck, then returned to their same position to shoot the six-round magazine. Shooters were only allowed to adjust site picture Kentucky Windage style.

Each individual shooter can earn a maximum of 72 points. The team with the most points won.

Trophies were also awarded to the top three individual shooters. A representative from the Ellwangen Bundeswehr took first place, followed by a representative from the Polizei team in second and a member of the U.S. Army Europe team took third.

A special note should be made regarding the USAG Ansbach Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment commander, Capt. Travis Oscarson, range Officer in Charge. He decided to set the example of how a Soldier should shoot by conducting a side shooting competition between himself and his wife, Stefanie Oscarson. She was a member of Team Power Puff Girls.

After failing to set the example and losing the first round 68 to 67, he explained, "It was a fluke accident. The wind was in my eyes." He followed it up with a second challenge, which ended worse than the first round – not even worth telling you, the reader, the score. When asked by this reporter for a comment regarding the outcome, Capt. Oscarson declined to give a second statement. To his acclaim his USAG Ansbach Command team did place in overall standing better than Team Power Puff Girls.

Congratulations to all who placed in the rankings. We look forward to celebrating the 30 year anniversary next year and making it once again, the best event in its history.

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is a great program. It gives people options."

Madlang said one of the advantages of the program is that it is self-paced.

"The learning can be done based around a person's time," he said. "It can be done at their convenience."

Students access their courses online, so the classes can be completed anywhere with an internet connection. Students also have a team of teachers and support staff to help them through the program. Some of the courses may require students to take proctored exams. These can be given at testing centers in the local education centers, Madlang said.

The cost is \$300 for an eight-week session with the Open Academy. Students are enrolled in one course at a time, but if they complete the class within the session they can start another course at no additional cost. There are additional fees for textbooks for some courses. The Open Academy offers scholarships, which can help cover some of the costs.

For more information about the Open Academy, call 0800-181-9354 from Europe, or visit www.openacademy.us. Applications can be found on the Open Academy's website.

Taking a Break



Courtesy photo

Members of 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment Anvil Troop take a break in the little bit of shade found near a barricade while deployed in Afghanistan. This photo and many others were shared on 1-91 CAV's Facebook page so Family and community members could catch a glimpse into the lives of the Soldiers.

Ansbach CID conducts mailroom security checks

By CW2 Ray D. Maestas and John O'Brien, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Between July 7 and 9, the Ansbach Criminal Investigation Division Office conducted a random crime prevention check of the Army Post Office mailboxes in Building 5817-D on Katterbach Kaserne.

During the course of the investigation, it was determined a total of 250 mailboxes were identified as not being secure. The mailboxes were able to be accessed by simply turning the combination dial to the right two to three times, which would then catch and allow the mailbox to be opened.

It is believed customers are closing their

mailbox and only giving it one turn to the left and walking away. This does not clear the combination lock.

Many of these mailboxes contained numerous documents such as mail from financial institutions, government mail and personal mail potentially containing sensitive personal identification information making it easier to become a victim of identity theft.

Special Agent in Charge Ray D. Maestas asks that personnel continue to ensure Soldiers and family members are properly instructed to secure their mailbox after checking for mail.

For more information regarding mailbox security measures, contact either your local post office or Ray Maestas at 09802-83-2489.



Courtesy Photo
A recent security check in the Katterbach mailroom revealed 250 unsecure mailboxes.

Water testing, pipe freeze protection to take place on Warner Barracks

By Heidi Sanders, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Routine testing of drinking water on Warner Barracks will be conducted July 31 and Aug. 1.

The Public Health Command Region-Europe will collect water samples from housing, community and work areas to test for lead and copper. The routine test is required every two years. According to Bamberg's Directorate of Public Works, the last water testing indicated that lead and copper in the drinking water was within the acceptable level.

A few residents in family housing will be asked to collect samples in the housing area. Residents who are selected will receive a letter in their mailbox on July 27 and 28. PHCR-Europe will distribute sample containers and detailed instructions on how to collect the water samples on July 30 and 31. The samples will be picked up on July 31 and Aug. 1.

Pipe freeze protection under way

Maintenance to protect pipes from freezing in buildings 7630-7642 in the family housing area will take place through September. The pipes in the buildings' attic area will be insulated. That work can be completed from the outside of the building.

Workers will need access to fourth floor apartments in the buildings in order to connect the electrical systems of the heat trace cable. DPW has provided memos to notify occupants of the affected apartments of when the work will be completed.

For more information, call 0951-300-7708.

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to test the force of water using the fire station's hoses to try to maneuver baseballs off of cones.

At the end, each child received a souvenir to take home. Holmes said that kindergarten visits are "a fun way to teach children about fire safety and what it means to be a firefighter, before children go on summer break."

Additional reporting was provided by Soleil Vaughn and Austin Roberts.

Applications available for free and reduced school meals

Staff Report

BAMBERG, Germany -- Department of Defense Education Activity schools Outside the Continental United States officials are encouraging families of children attending its overseas schools to apply for free and reduced price school lunches.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is the largest school food authority, providing U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved school meals to students on Army and Air Force installations in nine countries throughout Europe and the Pacific.

The school lunch program is designed to meet federal requirements for nutritionally balanced meals and to offer free or reduced price meals to eligible children.

To apply for free or reduced price meals parents must pick up an application. At U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach and Bamberg one can pick up the application at Child, Youth and School Services, Parent Central Services. At USAG Schweinfurt one can visit Army Community Service to pick up the application. The application must include a current leave and earnings statement and if applicable your spouse's pay stub.

Additionally, at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach and Schweinfurt you are required to bring a copy of your orders showing command sponsorship.

For more information in Ansbach, call CYSS Parent Central Services Katterbach at 09802-832533 or Storck Barracks at 09841-834880.

For more information in Bamberg, call CYSS Parent Central Services at 0951-300-7716.

For more information in Schweinfurt, call ACS at 09721-96-6933/6751.

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Conn Dining Facility wins food service super bowl

By Spc. Latoya Dallas,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs Office

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- The Conn Dining Facility was announced as the winner of the "Vince Lombardi trophy" on June 29 after competing with other military operated DFACs during the 45th Annual Installation Management Command-Europe and U.S. Army Europe Seventh Army 2012 Philip A. Connelly Award competition.

The DFAC is operated by the 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, but includes Soldiers from the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment; 15th Engineer Battalion and 172nd Support Battalion who work together to provide outstanding service and quality food to the community.

The top players responsible for running the Conn DFAC daily and for spearheading the DFAC's win are 1st Lt. Alden Nascimento, the Conn DFAC executive officer; Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Heckstall, the Conn DFAC manager; and Staff Sgt. Madeh Lincoln, the shift leader and administration noncommissioned officer in charge.

In the unlikely event of entering into two categories during such a prestigious competition, the Conn DFAC was also honored as the runner-up in the field kitchen operations category. The food service personnel were guided by Staff Sgt. Steven Smalls, a field kitchen leader, in this category.

The IMCOM-Europe competition conducts a 360 degree evaluation reviewing a DFAC's administration organization, customer service, command emphasis, food preparation, food storage, receipt procedures and sanitation.

The competition was not a routine inspection or show, but actually an assessment of a regular workday. IMCOM-Europe examines what the



Staff Sgt. Jose L. Riveramadera
Pvt. Caleb Morse proudly serves the single Soldiers on the day of the prestigious Connelly competition. One June 29, the Conn Dining Facility was proclaimed the winner of the 45th Annual Installation Management Command-Europe and U.S. Army Europe Seventh Army 2012 Philip A. Connelly Award.

DFAC provides to the Soldiers, how it takes care of the community and how it conducts business every single day or as Lincoln stated, "ensures that we do our job correctly and to the Army standard."

On the day of the competition food service specialists presented the judges with perfectly garnished meals that included savory schnitzel, spicy blackened catfish or a crispy Szechuan chicken paired with a fresh California vegetable blend, zesty corn O'Brien and the meal was finished off with a luscious strawberry shortcake. The lucky judges to sample the menu were Robert Shamberger an IMCOM representative and Food Program Manager and Sgt. Maj. Michael Davis of the USAREUR Food Service.

"It's an awesome opportunity to participate for such a prestigious award. Winning this competition was a testament to the Soldier's determination and ability to achieve through training and discipline to make this kind of an impact," Nascimento said. "It's especially important to consider that we had essentially no money to work with since we have limited funding."

Just about every DFAC personnel will agree that it feels good to be acknowledged for the generally unnoticed operation of working extended hours almost every day of the year including weekends and some holidays when most of the community is out indulging in the summer or winter activities.

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Community remembers fallen Sky Soldier at memorial service



Heidi Sanders
Soldiers from the 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment pay their final respects to 1st Lt. Stephen "Chase" Prasnicki at a memorial service on Wednesday.

By Heidi Sanders, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Fellow soldiers from the 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment remembered 1st Lt. Stephen "Chase" Prasnicki as a natural leader during a memorial service on Wednesday.

Prasnicki, 24, died June 27 in Wardak province, Afghanistan, in an improvised explosive device attack.

Capt. Mike Dowe, rear detachment commander for the 4-319th, said Prasnicki had an impact on everyone he came into contact with.

"In Chase's all too short life he touched so many people," Dowe said.

Prasnicki graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2010, where he had played football as a quarterback and safety.

Prasnicki is survived by his wife, Emily; his mother, Debbie; his father, David; and two younger siblings, Tyler and Lauren.

Faces of Schweinfurt: Staff Sgt. Allan Smith, bowling medalist

By Spc. Latoya Dallas,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs Office

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- By first appearances, Staff Sgt. Allan Smith seems stern and serious. However, the noncommissioned officer, who remarkably resembles the comedian Dave Chapelle when he smiles, immediately lights up with laughter and passion when pressed about his bowling career and the sport's mechanics.

The Houston native finally felt a sense of relief when he was chosen to play for the All Army Bowling Team during the 2011-2012 season. Last year was his third time trying out for the team and he qualified by bowling a 259.

"A lot of people don't make it the first time because the conditions that you bowl on are a lot tougher than normal conditions," said Smith. "You have to be very talented and willing to adjust."

This season's Armed Forces Bowling Championship tournament took place in San Antonio June 11-12 and was hosted by the Air Force. During the tournament he bowled a 218 average, placing him fifth overall and helped the Army earn the All Service Gold Medal.

Having served in the Army for 14 years, Smith is the 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion Unit Prevention Leader. He also works as a training and operations personnel. For the past five years, Smith has functioned as a Master Resilience Trainer for the 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 72nd ESB, 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, and for the Heidelberg Garrison Command.

"It has been a challenge to keep up with bowling in general," said Smith, a certified bowling coach. "It's not just something you can put down and be good at every time you pick it up. It requires a lot of practice. But I am in the military and the military comes first. I try to balance it the best I can. In addition to being married to a very supportive wife."

His performances over the years has earned him the title of International Champion, winner of the Luxemburg Opening 2001, fifth ranked bowler out of 900 within his division in the German Bowling Association and a spot on a Hawaiian television circuit during a bowling competition.

Check out what he has to say about his bowling experiences and making it to the top of his game.

Spc. Latoya Dallas: What is your background in bowling?

Staff Sgt. Allan Smith: I come from a bowling family. My mother was the 2008 Bowler of the Year for the state of Texas. In 2003, my brother finished 14th out of about 73,000 bowlers



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Allan Smith of the 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion helped the All Army Bowling Team take home Gold at this year's Armed Forces Bowling Championship. Smith's tournament average of 218 earned him a fifth-place spot out of all tournament participants. Check out what he has to say about his bowling experiences and making it to the top of his game.

in a national tournament called the United States Bowling Congress championship. I never thought I was that good because I'm the youngest. My dad, he bowls (Smith chuckles), he's pretty decent. My dad brought bowling to the family when he and my mom were dating. She didn't even know what bowling was when my dad took her on a date. Afterwards she joined a league, and excelled from there.

LD: When was your talent for bowling realized?

AS: When I was six years old, I had a birthday party at the bowling alley with a couple members of my family. My mother tries to teach me to first roll the ball between my legs. I was like "Naw, I want to kick my leg up like y'all do," and she said, "Okay. Go up there and fall on your butt." I got up there and made sure I kicked my leg up like everybody else did. The first ball I ever threw for real was a strike. I didn't throw anymore strikes after that time (Smith laughs), but my very first one was a strike. I was hooked.

LD: What is the process for joining the All Army Bowling League?

AS: One of the main requirements that they look for is to have a current United States Bowling Congress average from a sanction sports league. The Army takes your tournaments into consideration. So, keep your

records when you finish bowling in a local or city tournament. The records might state the oil conditions (lane conditions), how many individuals were in the tournament, and all the statistics of the tournaments. Then, the Army looks for your bowling knowledge. Online you can take the Level One Bowling Certification to be a Level One Certificated Coach. It will show the Army that you have taken an initiative, that you're trying to make yourself better and that you're a bowler. Everything is online now. So, after you've completed the online form, your commander and the garrison sports director will sign-off on it, and then it is passed on to the sports officials. The Army only sends 20 Soldiers to be on the team.

LD: What more would you like to accomplish with bowling?

AS: My goal is to bowl on national TV against the best bowlers in the world and see what happens. (Smith jokes). I don't know if that will ever happen. I might be in the stands waving, but we'll see. I'm not done yet.

LD: Who inspires you?

AS: Number one is my mom because she has never given me anything. She has made me work for everything and that has made me try that much harder. Number two is my brother because when I left for the Army, he gave me bowling advice. Most people get a 'be safe' or 'keep your head down.' My brother told me "everywhere you bowl, make sure they remember who you are" and "whenever you get in trouble and you don't know what to do, just throw it harder." The third person would be my dad, who let me be me despite the disorder that I have. Next, is everyone who beat up on me when I was growing up. Then of course there are professional bowlers Brian Voss and Johnny Petraglia who inspire me. Petraglia is a Bowling Hall-of-Famer and a Vietnam Veteran.

LD: Smith indulges in the disorder he has.

AS: My dad and I have a birth condition that affects 2% of the world's population. It's an overgrowth and undergrowth of bones and ligaments. The disorder doesn't allow me to extend my arm all the way or roll my hand completely straight. The radius is bigger than the ulna and is therefore causing a blockage. Growing up I always wanted to bowl like the pros did—nice long arm swing and follow-through, but I can't do that. My dad always let me know that it's okay to be who we are and that we are like this for a reason.

LD: What is your philosophy on bowling?

AS: Don't be afraid to try something different, which means do not stand in the same place each bowl. The people who are good are consistent, but to become a great bowler you

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Reminder: Follow priority signs along Chestnut Road

By Jessica Lipari, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Have you been following the oncoming traffic priority signs correctly on Chestnut Road in front of the Bamberg Elementary School within a restricted 20-kilometer per hour zone?

Due to many community members not knowing the actual setup of the road, there will be changes made on Aug. 1 to make drivers aware of the priority along the road.

When coming from the housing area along Chestnut Road in front of the school, the vehicle has priority. Oncoming traffic from the Birchview Lanes Bowling Center must yield to these vehicles and should not be driving along the right-hand side on the sidewalk.

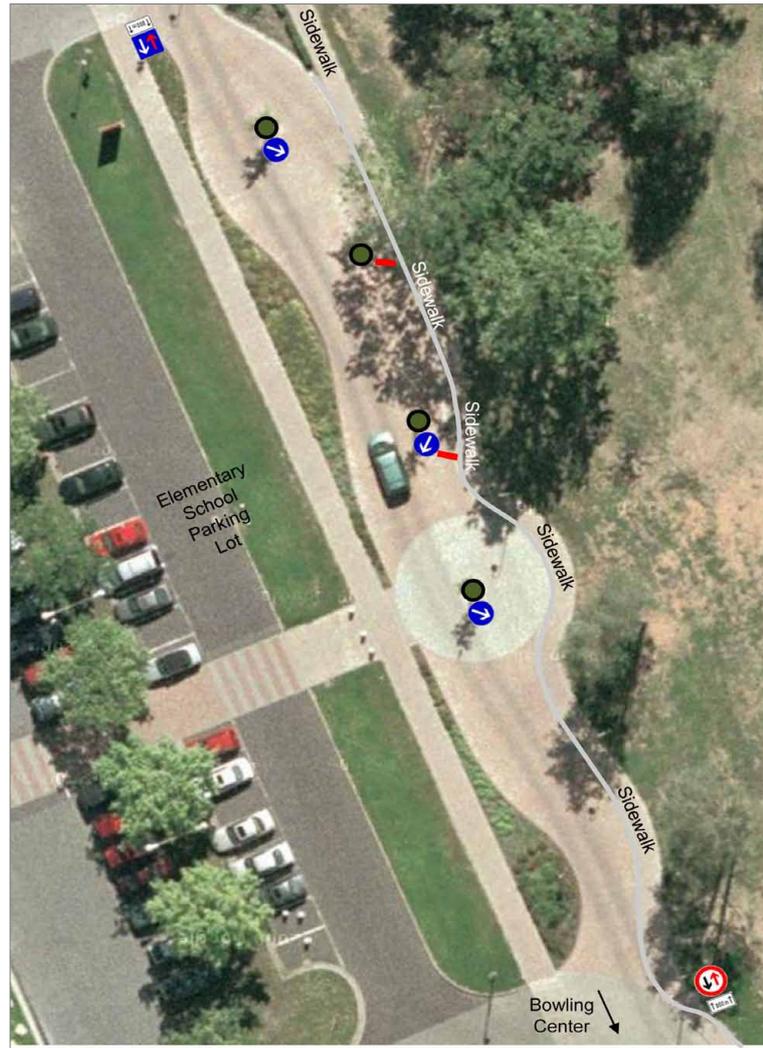
It is illegal to drive up on the sidewalk and poses a safety hazard to pedestrians utilizing this sidewalk. Due to the road being in front of BES, many schoolchildren use this sidewalk and the garrison wants to ensure their safety.

As per the diagram on the right, Directorate of Public Works will be adding blue arrow signs directing traffic driving from the bowling center to move over to the right when awaiting for oncoming traffic and back to the left when traffic is clear.

Also at the locations indicated in red on the diagram, Jersey barriers will be placed to further prevent drivers from driving onto the sidewalk. Lastly, the oncoming traffic priority signs will be moved closer to where the traffic is affected by the change.

The Military Police will patrol the area beginning Friday, when the blue arrow signs, are mounted to help drivers understand the new signs and traffic flow. After Aug. 1, the new traffic flow will be enforced.

This change is being made prior to the beginning of the school year to help drivers adjust to the change.



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need to do a lot of different things consistently.

LD: What is your advice for any Soldiers who would like to be play for the Army?

AS: Put in your application. Some people downplay themselves. They give other people

more credit because they know how good that person is and they don't think they are as good as everyone else. You never know how good you are until you try. A lot of times in the right situation, they perform above what they expected.

LD: What was the most difficult thing about

playing for the Army?

AS: The Army has won the All Service Award the past couple of years. I didn't want to be 'that guy'—the guy that makes us loose our steak. I finally make the team and we don't win (Smith shakes his head in shame).

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According to USAG Schweinfurt Food Service Supervisor, Master Sgt. Reginald Houston, what the Connelly Award comes down to is "bettering the Army Food Service Program in a community."

"I have received many comment cards that suggest change and I take them all into consideration," said Heckstall, who took over managing the DFAC in Dec. 2011. "So presently, one can observe new menu items and changes within the DFAC."

Spc. Kennadette Taylor of the 172nd Support Bn., dedicated weeks to perfecting a particular main course and entered into the competition with the understanding that she would not only be representing herself, but also the Conn DFAC and her unit.

"Wherever I am stationed or however far I progress, I have already established myself as a cook for the Army and proved my knowledge in food service as a result of the win," Taylor said. "Plus, I have bragging rights for my battle buddies stationed in other places."

"We found out that we have hidden talents and culinary artists working

in our facility," Houston said. The master sergeant went on to boldly say, "due to the Connelly competition, the Soldiers have risen to a level that we did not expect. We are reaching and looking to be the best in the Department of the Army. The Soldiers are not satisfied with just a USAREUR title. They want to go to the top."

Having basked in Connelly Award glory, the DFAC personnel must now concentrate on the Department of the Army level competition that is tentively set to be held between October and December.

Evaluators from Fort Lee, Va. will travel to Schweinfurt and around the world to obtain knowledge of how the food service personnel perform their job.

With all of USAREUR behind Conn DFAC, Houston welcomes the USAG Schweinfurt community to continue supporting the DFAC and see what its' Soldiers are doing by "tasting the product."

For the Soldiers working within dining facilities throughout the world the Food Advisor for the 7th Signal Brigade, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tamarcus Norman, offers a cordial challenge, "Conn DFAC dares anyone to be better."

Ansbach Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Ansbach Public Affairs at usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

German Yard and Garage Sale

On July 28 from 12 to 6 p.m. there will be a German garage sale in Neustadt/Aisch (Unternesselbach 117). For more information, visit <http://haag-nea.npage.de/was-wir-verkaufen-mussen.html>.

Help Wanted

The Katterbach Thrift Store is in dire need of volunteers. If you have some time to donate, we would really appreciate it. Our hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-2 and Thursday from 12-6. Any time you have to spare would be helpful.

Job Fair

Army Community Service is having a job fair on Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Von Steuben Community Center on Bismarck. Representatives will be there from Army and Air Force Exchange Services, Community Bank, Subway, PONDS Security, Inverness Technologies, Army Career and Alumni Program, University of Maryland, Central Texas College, University of Oklahoma, Embry Riddle and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. For more information, call 09802-83-2374.

High Wire Act

Mark your calendars for a great family event. The Weisheit Family High Wire Act will be Aug. 2 at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. at Urtas Housing Area. There will be a shuttle bus (route coming soon), food and refreshments. For more information, call 09802-83-2929.

Arts and Crafts Sale

Fifteen percent off all frames and engraving supplies through September 1. Building 5262 on Barton Barracks next to Vehicle Inspection. For more information, email ansbachartscrafts@eur.army.mil or call 0981-183-7627.

BOSS Trip to Croatia

Hey BOSS Soldiers! Take a trip to Pula, Croatia

on August 9-13. Costs are \$299 for Single Soldier (double occupancy) and \$349 (single room). Includes transportation, two nights at Hotel Pula, breakfast, dinner, and a three hour guided tour of Pula. Sign up now at Concierge in the Von Steuben Community Center on Bismarck. For more information, call 09802-83-2921.

Family Camping at Soldiers Lake

Enjoy the outdoors with the Family at Soldiers Lake on Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. Camp at no cost, equipment available at Outdoor Recreation. Stick around on Aug. 4 for the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars youth fishing event at 8 a.m. Fishing equipment is provided. For more information, call 09802-83-3225.

Auditions for Disney's "The Little Mermaid"

Calling all Ariels, King Tritons, Ursulas and Flounders: Auditions for Disney's "The Little Mermaid" are taking place on Aug. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. at Terrace Playhouse. For more information, call 0981-183-7636.

Closures and Changes

Legal Office Closed

The Ansbach Legal Office, to include Legal Assistance, Claims and Military Justice will be closed on July 27 for consolidated Office of the Staff Judge Advocate training at Grafenwoehr. For more information, call 09802-83-2475.

New U.S. Customs hours of operation

Effective 1 Aug 2012, the hours of operation for the U.S. Customs office will change. Normal operation will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday and will be closed on U.S. holidays. The first Friday of every month the office will be closed for customer service operations. On these days, those personnel who need short-term fuel cards will need to go to the Ansbach Military Police Station.

Fuel Pump Closure

The Transportation Motor Pool Fuel Pump, Building 6644, at Storck Barracks is closed until further notice due to a malfunction.

Stork Barracks Vehicle Refistration Closure

The Vehicle Registration Office will temporarily suspend the Storck Barracks Vehicle Registration Office operations. All vehicle registration operations will be provided at the main office on Barton Barracks, 3rd floor, Room 303, Building 5254. For more information, call 09811-83-7892.

Youth and Teens

Rainbow Elementary School

Rainbow Elementary School on Barton Kaserne will be having a Back to School barbecue on Aug. 24 at 3-5 p.m. Class lists will also be posted at this time. The first day of school for grades 1-6 is Aug. 27 and kindergarten will begin on Sept. 4.

Ansbach Elementary School

Here are some important dates for the mini-cougars to mark on their calendars. On Aug. 24 there will be a student/Family orientation at 11 a.m. followed by a Back to School barbecue at 1-3 p.m. The first day of school for grades 1-6 is Aug. 27 and kindergarten will begin on Sept. 4. Sept. 3 is Labor Day and there will be no school.

Soccer Camp

U.S. Youth Soccer is a soccer program designed

Take 5
Don't Drink and Drive

SOLDIERS LEADERS CIVILIANS FAMILIES

- Alcohol and asphalt are the recipe for a deadly cocktail.
- DUI crashes aren't accidents — they're indisdiscipline.
- Hit the bottle, hit the road — get hit by an Article 15.

Take 5 ... then take action.

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I AM A BROTHER & SISTER

for youth ages 8-18 years old that would like to participate in a year round soccer program. U.S. Youth Soccer is putting on soccer camps at various military installations around Bavaria. Camps are open to youth of any soccer level that would like to improve on their soccer fundamentals. Camp dates for Ansbach are August 18-19. The camp costs \$90 per player. If you would like to sign up or would like further information about the U.S. Youth Soccer program please email oberpfalzsoccer@yahoo.com.

Katterbach Child Development Center

Hourly care is available Monday to Friday with the exception of federal holidays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact Parent Central Services at 09802-83-2533 to make reservations.

Storck Child Development Center

Hourly Care is available Monday to Friday with the exception of federal holidays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Please call the CDC in advance to make reservations. For children 6 weeks to 24 months call CDC Main at 09841-83-4505 or for children 24 months to 5 years call CDC Annex at 09841-83-4423.

Family Camping
at nearby **Soldiers Lake**

Stick around!
AUG 4 • 8 A.M.
American Legion & VFW
Youth Fishing Event
(Fishing Equipment Provided)

AUG 3 • 6 P.M. • NO COST

camping, bonfire, storytelling, marshmallow roasting
sand volleyball, yard games, bouncy house, and much more

EQUIPMENT RENTAL AVAILABLE:
TENTS • TABLES • SLEEPING BAGS

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Summer Sale
15% OFF
ALL FRAMES & ENGRAVING SUPPLIES
1 JUN - 1 SEP, 2012
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For more information on Ansbach community announcements visit,
<https://www.facebook.com/U.S.Army.Garrison.Ansbach>



Family Day at Muna Museum

Come and enjoy a day of fun at the Muna Museum!

- Rides in old military vehicles
- Scavenger hunt
- Horses
- Games
- Food and drink, coffee and cake

Adults can tour the museum while the children play. Indoor entertainment in case of inclement weather!

August 4
1 - 5 p.m.

Along B13 - exit at Franken Kaserne

Free of Charge!

Please R.S.V.P. by July 27
Phone: 0152 - 0911 - 4369





Muna Museum Marktbergel
Munasiedlung
39412 Marktbergel

Family Child Care Opportunities

Looking for hourly, part-day or full-day child care? Katterbach in-home Family Child Care providers have slots available to meet your child care needs. For availability, please contact Parent Central Services at 09802-83-2533. Interested in providing child care from your home? Child, Youth School Services is recruiting for Family Child Care providers (living in government quarters) to run a child care business from home. Some of the benefits include; free training with curriculum beneficial to your own children, FCC Certification is beneficial worldwide, easy transfer of credits to next duty station and work toward a college degree while you provide child care. For more information, contact the Family Child Care office at 09802-83-2536.

Ansbach Girl Scouts

What is green, almost 100 years old and hip and cool as ever? Girl Scouts! Come be a part of the adventure and fun that is Girl Scouts. Any girls kindergarten through 12 grade are welcome. To join or for more information, email gsans-bach@yahoo.com or call 0151- 445-12471.

EDGE!

After school activities for middle and high school youth is available at no cost. For more information



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ACAP • University of Maryland • Central Texas College • University of Oklahoma
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CIV: 09802.83.2374



Katterbach Kaserne Parent Central Services at 0909802-83-2533 or Storck Barracks Parent Central Services at 09841-83-4880.

Sports, Health and Fitness

Flag Football

Come and join USAG Ansbach's Flag Football at the Katterbach and Storck Physical Fitness Centers. The league games start in August. The league is open to all Soldiers, civilians and local nationals. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

New Aerobic Class at Katterbach

A new aerobic class called "Power XTREME" will start at the Katterbach Fitness Center on Aug. 2 and will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. This class includes a variety of fitness components geared towards optimal health and fitness enhancement. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

Aerobic Certification

The U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Sports and Fitness Center will host an AFAA Certification at Katterbach Physical Fitness Center on Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. This is a one day course aimed at certifying candidates aspiring to become group Aerobic Instructors. For more information, call 09802-83-2771, or view the AFAA website, www.AFAA.com.

Unit Softball

The 2012 U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Unit Softball Season will end July 31 at the Katterbach Sports Field. The championship game will start at 7 p.m. USAG Ansbach will be represented by the 516th Military Police team at the Army European Unit Championship in Hohenfels on Aug. 3-8. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

Racquetball Challenge

Racquetball Singles Challenge on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 10- August 21 at 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sign up at Katterbach and Storck Fitness Centers, Concierge in the Von Steuben Community Center and Storck Community Activity Center. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

TRX Suspension Training

For the 12 week challenge workout try the TRX Suspension Training at the Katterbach Fitness Center on Tuesdays from July 10-August 27 at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Limited to 8 people, first come, first served. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

Archery Beginner Workshop

There will be a archery workshop for beginners on Storck Barracks Aug. 7 and 21 and Urlas Soldiers Lake on Aug. 12 and 18. Bring your own supplies in encouraged. Registration deadline is one week before the workshop. The children workshop is at 6 p.m. and the adult workshop is at 7 p.m. For more information, call 09802-83-3225.

Weekly Reminders

Safety Hazard on B-13

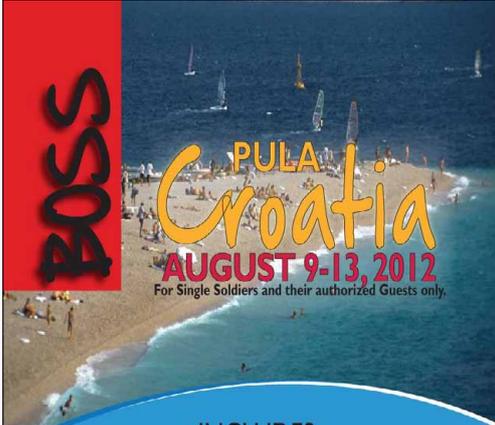
Safety Hazard on B-13 between Ansbach and Illesheim North of Oberdachstetten there is a steep decline that goes under a railroad overpass ("Marktbergel Hill"). One lane of traffic going down the hill and two lanes of traffic going up the hill, please do not pass.

Pet Reminder

Remember all pets on USAG Ansbach installations need to be on a leash when outside. Please pick up after your pets.

Used Clothes and Shoes Container

We need your help! The used clothes and shoes containers are provided to the community at no cost.



BOSS PULA Croatia
AUGUST 9-13, 2012
For Single Soldiers and their authorized Guests only.

INCLUDES:
Transportation • 2 Nights at Hotel Pula • 2 Breakfasts
2 Dinners • 3-hr Guided Tour of Pula
\$299 Single Soldier (double occupancy) • \$349 (single room)

Sign up now!
Concierge in the Von Steuben Community Center, Bismarck
Information: CIV 09802.83.2921 • DSN 467.2921



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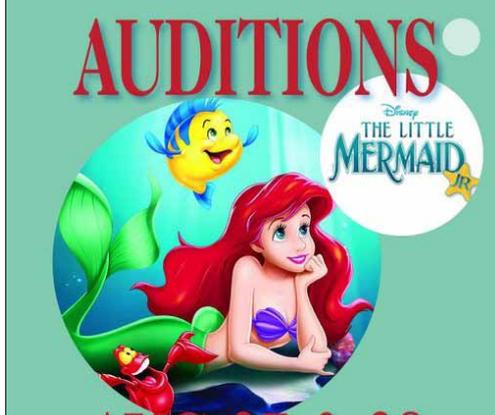
Unfortunately, they are often mistreated as garbage dumpsters. Please be sure that only clothes and shoes are disposed off in these containers. Please also make your neighbors aware of the purpose of these containers. If these containers are continued to be misused, the respective contractor will be unable to continue to provide this service.

Community Yard Sale

Every first weekend of the month starting in June until September, all residents of housing areas in USAG Ansbach can host a community yard sale. The yard sales will be Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Off-post residents can sell their goods on Katterbach at Rocket Park or Illesheim near Longbow Lounge.

Safety Training and Information

The USAG Ansbach Safety Office recommends this website containing many safety topics, in both English and German, which can be used for information and training in your organization throughout the year. As time goes by, more will be added, but there is a vast volume of workplace and off-duty subjects; to include videos and slide shows.



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Bamberg Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Bamberg Public Affairs at usarmy.bamberg.usareur.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Estate Claims

Anyone have any claims on or obligations to the estate of 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicky of the 4/319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, should contact the summary court officer, 1st Lt. Stuart Erkes at 0951-300-7996

Center Stage Karaoke

Come and sing with us and let your inner rock star shine. Every Saturday evening in August there will be karaoke at 9:30 p.m. at the Birchview Lanes Bowling Center. There are 1,000's of songs to choose from and it is free to participate. For more information, call 0951-300-7722.

Operation Rising Star

Operation Rising Star is back. Sign up for the All-Army Talent Competition and win the chance for the ultimate recording experience. U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Round 1 competition will take place on Aug. 31 at the Stable Theater. Advance sign-up required. Open to Soldiers and Family members 18 and over. For more information, call 0951-300-8647.

BOSS Trip

All community members 18 years of age and above can join the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers for a trip to Pula, Croatia on August 9-13. Cost is \$299 per person and for a single room it costs \$49 extra. Trip includes roundtrip transportation, two overnights in a three star hotel with breakfast and dinner, guided sightseeing tour of Pula. Trip to be payable in full no later than Aug. 1. For more information, call 0951-300-8890.

Theatrical Workshop Series

The Stable Theater will have a series of free theatrical workshops for adults and children this summer. They are Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. The topics will be as follows: July 26 - Writing Situation Comedy and Doing Improv; Aug. 2 - to be determined; Aug. 9 - Singing for Broadway; Aug. 16 - Clowning and Body Movement; Aug. 23 - Stage Management Essentials; Aug. 30 - Auditioning; Sept. 13 - Moving on Stage; and Sept. 27 - Stage Tech. For more information, call the Stable

Theater at 0951-300-8647.

Adult and Kids Craft

The Community Activity Center will host an adult and kids craft on Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. Participants will make homemade lotion and lip balm. The craft is free. Parent supervision is required. Space is limited so sign-up is required. For more information, call the Community Activity Center at 0951-300-8837.

Hot Dog Day

Join the Community Activity Center on Sept. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. for a hot dog bar. Create your favorite hot dog using different toppings. The cost is \$2 per hot dog with unlimited toppings.

Community Flea Markets

The Community Activity Center will host a Community Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month through October at the CAC, Building 7047. The dates for the flea markets are Aug. 11, Sept. 8 and Oct. 13. For more information, call the CAC at 0951-300-8837

CPR, AED and First Aid Certification

Come and learn how to give CPR, first aid and use an automated external defibrillator with the American Red Cross Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Army Community Services building. The cost of the CPR and First Aid Certification is \$45. You can log onto www.redcross.org to register. Once on the ARC site, go to "take a class" and enter your APO zip code to find the course, register and pay online. You can also register in person at the ARC office. For additional information or questions, stop by the American Red Cross office, Building 7029 or call 0951-300-1760.

Back to School Donations

During the entire month of August, donate a back to school item at the Community Activity Center and receive a free small slushy. Donated items will be given to Bamberg Elementary School. For more information, call the Community Activity Center at 0951-300-8837.

Basic Sewing Application

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a Basic Sewing Application class Aug. 11, Sept. 8 and Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. and Aug. 16, Sept. 13 and Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. The cost for the class is \$15. The class will provide instruction on basic sewing techniques and the operation of the Arts and Crafts sewing machines. The class is mandatory for people who want to use the sewing machines. For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

Matting and Framing

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a basic matting and framing class Aug. 18, Sept. 15 and Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. and Aug. 23, Sept. 20 and Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. The cost for the class is \$15. For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

Wood Safety

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a Woodshop Safety class Aug. 4, Sept. 1 and Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. and Aug. 9, Sept. 6 and Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. The cost for the class is \$15. The class is mandatory for people who want to use the woodshop. For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

Red Cross Volunteer Orientation

Come and learn how you can become a volunteer with the American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to noon August 3 and 17 at the Army Community Service



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Summer Kid's Crafts

June 28, July 12, 19, and 26,
August 2, 9, and 16, 2-4 p.m.

Community Activity Center

Cost is free thanks to a donation from the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club (BSCC). Please sign up and inquire at the CAC front counter. Contact (0951) 300-8837 or megan.l.martin.naf@mail.mil

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building. Please call and RSVP no later than the day before each scheduled orientation. For additional information, visit the American Red Cross office, Building 7029 or call 0951-300-1760.

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in volunteering? Equal Opportunity office is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming observances. For more information, contact the Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity offices at 0951-300-8624.

Closures and Changes

Customs Office

The Customs Office is closed every first Thursday of the month for training.

Youth and Teens

CYSS Fall Sports Sign ups

Sign ups have begun for the CYSS Fall sports programs. Programs offered will be cheerleading for 9-15 year olds: \$40, flag football for 9-12 year olds:



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10K Trail Run!

August 11, 9 a.m.

Local Training Area (LTA)

Sign-up at the Freedom Fitness Facility prior to run date or on day of run at site! Free!
Open to all community members!

For more information, contact the Freedom Fitness Facility at DSN 469-8890 or civ: 0951-300-8890.



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Pula, Croatia!

BOSS

August 9-13
(TRAINING HOLIDAY WEEKEND GETAWAY!)

\$299 per person
\$49 extra for single room!

Trip is open to all community members 18 years of age and above!
Must have a valid passport for this trip!

Includes Roundtrip transportation, 2 overnights in 3 star hotel with breakfast & dinner, guided city sightseeing tour of Pula. Sign-up by 25 July with \$100 deposit to ensure your seat! Payable in full no later than 1 August 2012

For more information, contact the Freedom Fitness Facility @
Tel. 0951-300-8890, DSN 469-8890/9086 or
your local garrison BOSS Office.

For more information on Bamberg community announcements visit,
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bambergmwr>



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Women's Equality Day

5k Fun Run/Walk
August 24, 7 a.m.
Starts at Freedom Fitness Facility, Bldg 7680

Trophies for the top 3 winners in Men's & Women's Open category, Boys & Girls (12 and under), and 4 person teams. Free string backpacks for the 1st 200 participants that register and show up on race day! Registration opens 1 Aug. at the FFF Door prize drawings!

For more information, contact FFF at DSN 469-8890/or civ: 0951-300-8890.

\$40, soccer for 3-5 year olds: \$20, soccer for 6-15 year olds: \$40 and tackle football for 12-14 year olds: \$135. If your spouse is deployed or deploying soon you qualify to enroll at no cost using your AFC benefits, just bring in deployment orders. Practices start the week of Aug. 27 with the exception of tackle football which starts conditioning camp Aug. 13. Sign ups are on a first come, first serve basis. Sign ups end Aug. 17 or when the team is filled. We still need volunteer coaches for all sports. Our programs don't work unless people step up to volunteer plus your children will be enrolled at no cost. Please call Youth Sports with any questions at 0951-300-7523.

Parents' Night and Day Out

Enjoy a day or night out by enrolling your children in the next Parents' Day Out or Parents' Night Out programs. Dates for Parents' Day Out will be Aug. 4, Oct. 6 and Dec 1 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Dates for Parents' Night Out will be Sept. 7 and Nov. 2 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 per child and Army Family Covenant deployment benefits can be used if eligible. Visit Parent Central Services or Webtrac to sign up. For more information, call 0951-300-8660.

Library Events

There's also a Gamers' Challenge that meets every Saturday at 2-3 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-1740.

Youth Lessons

Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Unlimited offers lessons in fine arts ages 6 to 12, kinder German with parents ages 6 to 9, gymnastics for various age groups, kickboxing ages 5 to 18 and piano ages 6 to 18. For more information, call 0951-300-7452.

Sports, Health and Fitness

Family Day Golf Tournament

On August 11 at 9 a.m. the Whispering Pines Golf Course will have a Family Day Golf Tournament. The entry fee is \$35 for member and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call 0951-300-8953.

10K Trail Run

On August 11 at 9 a.m. there will be a 10-kilometer trail run at the Local Training Area. Sign-up at the Freedom Fitness Facility prior to the run date or on the day of the run on site. The run is free and open to all community members. For more information, call 0951-300-8890.

IMCOM Europe Mountain Bike Race

Following the 10K trail run will be followed by the Installation Management Command Europe Mountain Bike Race at 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 per entry. Sign-up at Outdoor Recreation. Racers will accumulate points toward the U.S. Army Europe Championship Series. For more information, call 0951-300-9376.

Women's Equality Day Run

On Friday, August 24 at 7 a.m. there will be a Women's Equality Day five-kilometer fun run/walk. The run begins at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Free string backpacks will be handed out to the first 200 participants that register and show up on race day. Registration opens Aug. 1 at the Freedom Fitness Facility. There will be trophies for the top three winners in Men's and Women's Open category, Boys and Girls (12 and under) and four-person teams. There will be door prize drawings. For more information, call 0951-300-8890.

Golf and Bowling Tournament

Enter your team in the two day, golf and bowling tournament. The tournament will begin on Aug. 25 at 9 a.m. at the Whispering Pines Golf Course for the team round of golf. On Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. at Birchview Lanes Bowling Center the teams will compete in the bowling round. Entrance fee is \$45 per person and includes an all-you-can-eat barbecue on both days. There will be trophies and prizes. For more information, call 0951-300-8953/7722.

Thursday Night Scramble

Come to Whispering Pines Golf Course for Thursday Night Scramble every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$10. For more information, call 0951-300-8953.

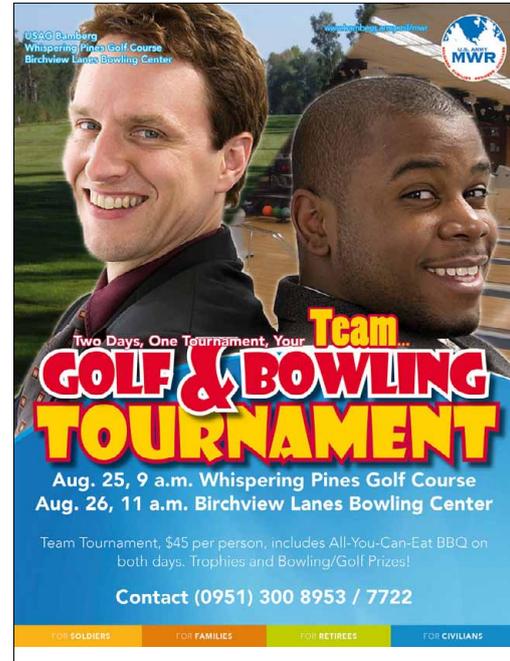
Running Club

Join the Bamberg Running Club for all levels of runners, but especially targeted for beginners using the Jeff Galloway training method of running/walking! The Bamberg Club will meet two times a week for 45-60 minutes of training, plus weekend runs. This is will be partnership between Freedom Fitness Facility and the Bamberg Health Clinic. For more information, email kelley.woodruff@us.army.mil or ernest.d.johnson3.naf@mail.mil or call 0951-300-9086.

Fitness Class Schedule Changes

The Freedom Fitness Facility has had several changes to its fitness class schedule. Body Tone, \$5 per class, is now on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Yoga, \$4 per class, is now on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m., and Thursdays at 7 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-8890.

Kick the Habit



USAG Bamberg
 Whispering Pines Golf Course
 Birchview Lanes Bowling Center

Team... GOLF & BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Two Days, One Tournament, Your Team

Aug. 25, 9 a.m. Whispering Pines Golf Course
 Aug. 26, 11 a.m. Birchview Lanes Bowling Center

Team Tournament, \$45 per person, includes All-You-Can-Eat BBQ on both days. Trophies and Bowling/Golf Prizes!

Contact (0951) 300 8953 / 7722

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There is a Smoking Cessation Group meeting every Monday at 4:30-5 p.m. in the Dental Clinic Conference room. No registration required. For more information, call 0951-300-8999.

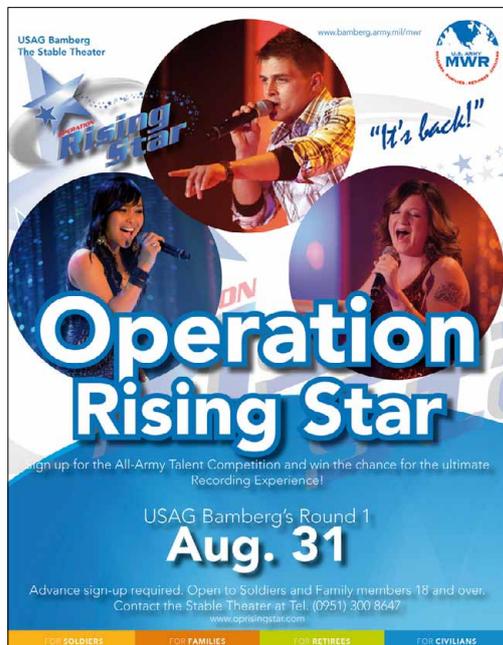
Weekly Reminders

Document Disposal

Burning documents in a burn barrel is not allowed on post. All paper that needs to be disposed of must be shredded at the Recycling Center. They have an industrial shredder and accept paper each Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. The garrison receives a credit for each kilogram of paper turned in through the recycling program. For more information, call the environmental office at 0951-300-8426.

By Soldiers - For Soldiers

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for Warner Barracks take place weekly on Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Community Activity Center, Room 409. These meetings are open to anyone. Duty uniform allowed. For more information, call Kyle at 0151-1775-3880, Brian at 0172-271-3626 or Justin at 0151-4642-3940.



USAG Bamberg
 The Stable Theater

Operation Rising Star

Sign up for the All-Army Talent Competition and win the chance for the ultimate Recording Experience!

USAG Bamberg's Round 1
Aug. 31

Advance sign-up required. Open to Soldiers and Family members 18 and over. Contact The Stable Theater at Tel: (0951) 300 8647

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USAG Bamberg - www.bamberg.army.mil/mwr

Bamberg Open Dodgeball Tournament!
14-15 Sept.
 \$10 team registration
Team Trophy for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place!
 Sign-up no later than 10 Sept. at Freedom Fitness Facility.
Top two Soldier teams will compete in the IMCOM-Europe Dodgeball Challenge in Ansbach 29 Sept.
TROPHY FOR BEST TEAM UNIFORM WILL ALSO BE GIVEN!

For more information, contact SFC Carswell@DSN.469.7626 or your unit BOSS representative.

Schweinfurt Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Schweinfurt Public Affairs at usarmy.schweinfurt.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Magic: The Gathering Tournament

Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers will be having a Magic: The Gathering Tournament on Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Warrior Zone. The tournament is open to Soldiers and their guests age 18+. Food and drink will be available for purchase. There is a \$15 registration fee, which enters you into a raffle to win one of three 2013 Promo packs. For more information, call 09721-96-6082.

Free Family Event

Join us for a free family event. On Aug. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Ledward Theater there will be a free showing of Ice Age: Continental Drift. Doors open at 3 p.m. and seats will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Food and drink will be available at your own expense. For more information, call 09721-96-6933.

All-Hands Meetings

The quarterly all-hands meeting is scheduled for Aug. 6 at the Ledward Theater. Staff should choose to attend one of the two sessions: 1-2 p.m. or 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please note that this is the place of duty for all U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt employees that are able to attend. Directors may excuse/exempt employees that are providing front door services or are engaged in activities that take precedence. Services may be reduced, but do not close or stop any service provision to customers that needs to be open. Directors have the authority to exempt employees from the all hands, but it must be for operational reasons.

Schweinfurt's 2012 Splash Bash

Schweinfurt community, join us for fun in the sun for a free, family friendly event. The 4th Annual Splash Blast will take place on Aug. 25 at 12 to 6 p.m. at Askren Manor (Lee St.). Entertainment will be available for all ages and interests, which includes water pools, bouncy castles, games and so much more. In addition, enjoy live music from Donny Vox Band while consuming yummy food and drink

purchased from your local Family Readiness Group and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation vendors.

Home Based Business Seminar

Are you interested in starting your own home based business? Join Army Community Service for an information seminar on how to correctly and legally start a business while living in German as a U.S. citizen. The next class is on Aug. 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Yellow Ribbon Room. For more information, call 09721-96-6933

Vacation Bible School

Every day from July 30 to Aug. 2 at 9:15 a.m. to noon your child can join other children at the Ledward Chapel for Vacation Bible School provided by U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt Religious Support Office. To register for this event please fill out an application at the RSO, Building 242, Ledward Chapel. For more information, contact Donna Hilley, director of Religious Education at 09721-96-6860 or donna.hilley.civ@mail.mil.

Recycling Education Class

Recycle education course for trash disposal offenders and anyone who wants to learn about recycling. The class is offered twice a month on Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Family members nine and up are encouraged to attend with their parent. Bring a friend if he or she lives in military housing or military-leased housing. Class space is limited so please call 09721-96-6955 to sign up. Classes cancelled if no one signs up by 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday before class.

Spray Tanning in Schweinfurt Day Spa

The Day Spa in the Finney Recreation Center now has spray tanning. According to the folks at AAFES, this is now the only location in all of USAREUR that offers spray tanning services. You're your appointment today by calling 0176-762-09299.

Closures and Changes

Tank Trail Closed

The Directorate of Emergency Services must secure the cable beam barriers across the Tank Trail adjacent to Kessler Field beginning June 1.

Community shuttle increases weekend runs

Effective immediately the community shuttle will add two additional circuits to its weekend schedule. The weekend schedule includes holidays and U.S. Army-Europe training holidays. [More...](#)

Youth and Teens

Smart Girls

Young ladies, we are proud to tell you that your Smart Girls program is up and running again! Topics include; life skills, healthy eating, fitness, health care systems, positive mentors, respecting yourself, fashion shows, dinner with parents, lock ins and more. Age groups include 11-14 and 15-18. Smart Girls meet every Monday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call the youth center at 09721-96-6732.

Give Me 20

Looking to get fit? The Youth Center is offering a free fitness program every Wednesday and Thursday at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for youth ages 13 through 18-years-old. Program facilitators will show youth how to safely workout and stay fit. Working out doesn't have to be hard; it can be fun! Dedicated participants will see positive results. Workouts will include sports, spinning, weight lifting and more. Participants must

Lunch & Learn
Tue, Aug. 7, 12-1 p.m.
Bring your lunch to the library. While you eat, let the librarian show you the best websites for European travel exploration and coordination!

Lunch & Learn
Tue, Aug. 28 & Sep. 18, 12-1 p.m.
Bring your lunch and learn about "Culture Grams" accessible on your Army Europe Library homepage from wherever you are!

Read to Roscoe, the Library Dog
Thu, Aug. 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Bring your little ones to the library so they can read to Roscoe, the Library Dog! Children of all ages are invited to attend and read their favorite story while Roscoe provides a listening ear. If you feel inclined, bring a treat for our furry friend!

Library Book Club
Wed, Aug. 29 & Sep. 30, 5-6 p.m.
Meet in the library lounge for coffee, tea and treats while we discuss our book of the month!

Library Card Sign-up Month
Sep 1 - 30, During Operating Hours
Remember, a library card is a child's most important school supply. All children should obtain a library card - and use it!

Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Children's story time and crafts

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be registered with CYSS and have a permission slip on file. To learn more or to register, contact the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

German Class

Let's talk German! Come learn German one-on-one every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. This great program is taught by our own education tech who was born and raised in Schweinfurt. This class can help your German grade go from a C to an A+ and it may even help you make friends in the German community. Test out your skills by joining us on a field trip downtown. For more information, call the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

Wanted: Youth Sports Coaches and Officials

The Schweinfurt community is looking for coaches and officials for the youth sports program. No experience is necessary to participate. By registering through Child, Youth School Services, you will become a certified coach in the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS). This is a great way to volunteer in the community and earn extra income by officiating. For

SCHWEINFURT Sizzling SUMMER Events
CLASSES • RETREATS • CELEBRATIONS • EVENTS • TRIPS • CAMPS

June
Sat. 1 & Sun. 3 | 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Community Softball Tournament
Mon. 4, Thu. 6 | All Day
Community Clean Sweep Week
Sat. 9 | 9 - 2 p.m.
Community Yard Sale
Sat. 9 | 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
ODR Family Trip: Legoland
Tue. 12 | 6 - 9 p.m.
Schweinfurt High School Graduation
Thu. 14 | 4:40 - 5:30 p.m.
Army Birthday Ceremony
Wed. 20 | 1 - 2 p.m.
Kids Summer Reading Program Starts
Wed. 27 - Fri. 29 | All Day
Community Strong Bonds Retreat

July
Tue. 3 - Thu. 5 | All Day (Berlin)
BOSS Trip: Tropical Island Waterpark
Wed. 4 | 2 p.m. Kick-off
Independence Day Celebration & Community Firecracker Fun Run
Sun. 8 | 12 - 5 p.m.
ODR Trip: Winefest
Wed. 25 | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
AAFES Birthday Celebration & Sale
Wed. 25 - Fri. 27 | All Day
Single Soldiers' Strong Bonds Retreat
Mon. 30 - Thu. 2 | 9:15 a.m. - noon
Vacation Bible School
3, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26 & 30
Time & Location Varies by Class
Destination Schweinfurt Series

August
Sun. 12 - Wed. 15 | 2 - 6 p.m.
High School Football Camp
Mon. 13 - Fri. 17 | 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
CYSS Summer Camp Hammelburg Trip
Tue. 21 | 10 a.m.
Community Town Hall
Sat. 25 | 12 - 7 p.m.
Splash Bash at Askren Manor
Mon. 27 | Normal School Hours
First Day of School
Fri. 31 - Mon. 3 | All Day
BOSS Camping Trip: Lake Garda Italy
1, 7, 10, 14, 17, 20, 22, 23, 27 & 30
Time & Location Varies by Class
Destination Schweinfurt Series

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AAFES DECA FORUM
Tue, June 26 | Tue, Sep 25
9:00-10:00 A.M. | Garrison Conference Room Bldg. 206

COMMUNITY TOWN HALL
Tue, May 15 | Tue, Aug 21 | Tue, Nov 20
10 A.M. | Conn Club, Conn Barracks Bldg. 90

FRG LEADERS MEETING
Tue, June 19 | Tue, July 17 | Tue, Sep 18 | Tue, Oct 16 | Tue, Dec 18
10 A.M. | Conn Club Basement, Conn Barracks Bldg. 90

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Schweinfurt
Zumba

Mon, Tue, & Thu, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Kessler Fitness Center

Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Finney Fitness Center

~ SPECIAL OFFER ~
\$5 per class or
\$50 for 10 classes plus 1 free!

Note: Classes are not offered on federal or military training holidays.

Kessler Fitness Center
CIV 09721-96-6735
DSN 354-6735

Finney Fitness Center
CIV 09721-96-8234
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more information contact CYSS at 09721-96-6822 or email Derek.r.walker.naf@mail.mil.

FCC Providers Needed

Help the community and start a new career as an FCC provider. FCC Providers maintain a happy home-away-from-home atmosphere (in government controlled housing only) for children who can't be with their own parents during the day. You can care for your own children in addition to outside customers. All training and education is provided free of charge. Call 09721-96-6487 for details.

SKIESUnlimited

SKIES offers different classes every month for youths ages birth through 18. The program is designed to complement, expand, and support the academic, life skills and athletic experiences children and youth have within Child, Youth and School Services programs and in schools. For the latest class listings, click [here](#).

4-H Club

4-H is a club designed for middle and high school students. As a club, students will plan field trips,

events and activities based on their four core values; head, hands, heart and health. 4-H meets every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. To participate, students must be registered with CYSS. For more information or to get involved, call the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

EDIS

Are you concerned about how your child is developing? If so, call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services to schedule a free screening. Screenings are available to children ages birth to 3 years old. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 09721-96-6257.

Playmorning

Join Playmorning every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Ledward Activity Center.

Children's Story Time

Bring your child in to the library on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. for Children's Story Time.

School Registration

Families newly assigned to Schweinfurt can register their children daily in the main office. Please bring a copy of the student's current immunization records and orders assigning you to Schweinfurt which are required to complete registration. Students who are not registered prior to the first day of school could have a delayed start date. Please contact the school at 09721-96-6518 with any questions.

Sports, Health and Fitness

Flag Football

Register your team for unit level flag football at the Finney or Kessler Fitness Center. Registration is from Aug. 6 to Aug. 21. The season begins on Sept. 4 and games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Gold Field, Conn Barracks. There will be a coaches meeting on Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at Finney Fitness Center and an Officials Clinic on Aug. 28 to 30 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Finney Fitness Center. For more information, call Finney Fitness Center at 09721-96-8234 or Kessler Fitness Center at 09721-96-6735.

U-Drive Dive Trip

Join Schweinfurt Outdoor Recreation on an exciting trip to the Baltic Sea for an underwater adventure. If you don't have your diving certificate yet ODR offers a PADI Open Water Diver Certification or Advance Open Water Certification which you can earn in four days. If you do not want to dive you can spend the weekend relaxing on the beach or visit the German Navy Memorial, Sea Life Park, Ostrich Farm and Donkey Park. Please note that this trip requires you to drive on your own, or call ODR for car pooling options. Register in advance with ODR to ensure accommodations. Hotel plus breakfast buffet is on 35 Euro per person. For more information, call 09721-96-8080.

PADI Open Water Certification Course

Now through Sept. 30, Outdoor Recreation offers a PADI Open Water Certification Course as an ongoing program. The course includes classroom sessions, pool and open water training in small groups. Course costs are \$375 using your own mask, fins and snorkel. All other equipment is provided. Items can be rented at ODR. For more information or to sign up, call ODR at 09721-96-8080.

Personal Training

Dedicated personal trainers are available to the Schweinfurt Community by appointment. For details, contact the Kessler Fitness Center at 09721-96-6765 or Finney Fitness Center at 09721-96-8234.

Paintball Field Open

Relieve some stress or have some good old

Sat, Aug. 4

Ice Age: Continental Drift
4 p.m. Ledward Theater

Join us for this free family event! Doors open at 3 p.m. Seats available on a first come, first serve basis. Food and drink will be available at your own expense. Hope to see you there!

ACS Family Advocacy Program | Ledward Brks, Bldg. 206 | 09721-96-6933/354-6933

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fashioned fun every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rental equipment is available at the Paintball Field. For information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

Tuesday Night Cosmic Pin Bowling

Enjoy cosmic bowling every Tuesday night at the Kessler Bowling Center with funky lights and music mixed with colored pins in each lane. Games are \$1.50 each. Win a free game by knocking down a strike with the colored pin as the head pin. Cosmic Bowl also includes specials on food and drink.

Weekly Reminders

Newcomer Meet and Greet

Meet other spouses, learn about the community and get connected here in Schweinfurt every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Conn Club. The newcomer meet and greet initiative links up incoming spouses with seasoned Schweinfurt residents, offering the warm welcome our community is known for. Coffee and refreshments will be served and children are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Army Community Services at 09721-96-6933.

Schweinfurt's 2012
SPLASH BASH

Sponsored by **BAVARIAN** Motor Cars GmbH

SAT. AUG. 25 | NOON-6 P.M. | KESSLER MANOR (WEST)

Free, Family Friendly Event!

Schweinfurt community, join us for fun in the sun! Help us end summer with a bang at the 4th Annual Splash Bash. Entertainment will be available for all ages and interests, which includes water pools, bouncys, games and so much more. In addition, enjoy live music from Donny Vox Band while consuming yummy food/drink purchased from your local FRG and MWR vendors. It's going to be Schweintastic!

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Schweinfurt Youth
CITY BUS TOUR

FIELD TRIP! FREE tutorial & travel tips!
Downtown Schweinfurt

Fri. Sep. 28th
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Meet at the Youth Center

Experience Germany on a budget.

SPECIAL OFFER:
3 Euro for bus fare (Bring extra spending Euro)

ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU! Learn the local bus routes to and from post!

Learn to travel like a local national; in Schweinfurt and around Europe!

Pre-register at the Youth Center | Kessler Field, Bldg 381 | 09721-96-6732/354-6732
Participants must be enrolled at the Youth Center. Parents welcome to join!

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The Amazing Spiderman
August 10, 2012 | 136 Minutes

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Rated PG-13 for sequences of action and violence.



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July 28 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 4 p.m.;

THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.

July 29 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 3 p.m.

KATTERBACH THEATER • 09802-83-1790

July 26 - MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS (PG-13) 7 p.m.

July 27 - TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 7 p.m.

July 28 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 4 p.m.

THE DICTATOR (R) 7:30 p.m.

July 29 - THE PIRATES: BAND OF MISFITS (PG) 3 p.m.

TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 6 p.m.

BAMBERG THEATER • 0951-297-3934

July 26 - MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS (PG-13) 7 p.m.

July 27 - THE DICTATOR (R) 7 p.m.

July 28 - ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 3 p.m.;

BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 7 p.m.

July 29 - ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 3 p.m.;

CHERNOBYL DIARIES (R) 7 p.m.

July 30 - ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 3 p.m.;

THE DICTATOR (R) 7 p.m.

SCHWEINFURT THEATER • 09721-96-1790

July 26 - WHAT TO EXPECTING WHEN EXPECTING (PG-13) 7 p.m.

July 27 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.

July 28 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 3:30 p.m.;

SAVAGES (R) 7 p.m.

July 29 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 3:30 p.m.;

SAVAGES (R) 7 p.m.

Aug. 1 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Tips

Water-saving Tips

1. A great idea for reusing old, stale bottled water is to water your plants. They will thank you for the minerals.
2. Fill up the sink with water when shaving. Rinsing your razor under a running tap wastes a lot of water.

Energy-saving Tips

1. Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible. As much as 85 percent of the energy used to machine wash clothes goes to heating the water.
2. Use a drying rack or clothesline to save the energy otherwise used during machine drying. If you must use a dryer, consider adding dryer balls to cut drying time and make your clothes softer.

Recycling Tips

1. If you are preparing for a move and find things you no longer need, don't throw them away. Donate them to charity organizations, like the Red Cross or Caritas, or ask your neighbors if they could use them.
2. German beers are famous, and the bottles and plastic crate are valuable – you have paid a deposit on both! Therefore, bring it back to the German store to get the Euro cash back so they can be reused, and don't throw it into the trash or recycling bins.

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Registration for trips begin the 15th of the month before the scheduled trip and must be made no later than the Monday before the scheduled leave date or they may be cancelled. To sign up or for more information, go to Outdoor Recreation. All trips depart and arrive from ODR unless otherwise noted. No refund will be given for no-shows. Military duty restraint or illness will be refunded with documentation.



ANSBACH

Aug. 5 Bikes Rule! - Liebliches Taubertal \$29
Bikes rule the road as we're free to ride through the scenic region of Liebliches Taubertal, without any automobile traffic. Inline skaters are welcome to join as well. Trips depart Katterbach Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. and Storck Barracks at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$29 for adults, \$19 for children and \$65 for Families. Transportation only. Bike rentals are available at a discounted price.

Aug. 18 Saddles, Paddles and Sleeping Bags \$45
Join Outdoor Recreation on a fun-filled canoeing, biking and camping trip at the nearby Frankische Seenland. We embark on the canoe trip near the medieval town of Ornbau and paddle along the meandering Altmühl River that spills into the Altmühl Lake where we will find our campground and pre-positioned tents and bikes. A late afternoon bike ride to the bird sanctuary followed by dinner and a lakeside music festival. Having honed your paddling techniques, you'll start Day 2 by paddling across Kleine Brombachsee and after lunch you'll end the day by paddling across Grosse Brombachsee, the largest Bavarian man-made lake. Don't forget, participating in the Saddles, Paddles and Sleeping Bags trip entitles you to one free Sunset Paddling Club trip. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 for children and \$109 for Families. Trip departs Storck Barracks at 8 a.m. and Katterbach at 9 a.m.

For more information call, Ansbach Outdoor Recreation at 0980-283-3225.

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July 28 Spelunking (Caving) \$35
Did you know that upper Bavaria has more than 2,000 naturally occurring limestone caves? Outdoor Recreation is your ticket to exploring the subterranean underground. We will be visiting three interconnected cave systems only a short drive away from Warner Barracks. Please pack food, drinks and camera. Old clothes or coveralls are recommended. Transportation departs Outdoor Recreation at 10 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

Aug. 4 White Water Kayak \$35
Beginners and experts alike are invited to join us on our Wiesent White Water Kayak trip. Please wear a swimming suit and bring a towel, sack lunch and water. Trip includes transportation and equipment. Transportation departs Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m.

Aug. 4 Neuschwanstein \$65
Visit the famous castle from King Ludwig II of Bavaria and let Outdoor Recreation take care of the driving. Transportation is a German motor coach with AC, WC and DVD. Children up to 18 years of age are free. Adult admission is 26 euros per person. Departs Outdoor Recreation at 5 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m.

For more information, call Bamberg Outdoor Recreation at 0951-300-9376.

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Aug. 11 Hiking Trip Pottenstein \$15
Take a day trip with Outdoor Recreation to the famous Franconia Switzerland. You'll visit the Devil's Cave and have fun at an outdoor rollercoaster. Cost is \$15 per person for transportation; bring Euros for entrance to cave (€2-4).

Aug. 18 Wunsiedel \$15
Discover a granite rock labyrinth which is truly a miracle of nature and great fun for the whole family. Passing huge granite rock formations and canyons; you will walk through low-ceilinged caves, climb in stone carved stairways and finally reach the Summit Cross with an altitude of 785 meters. Cost per person is \$15 for transportation. Entrance fee to the rock labyrinth not included. (Adults €4, Youth 1.50 €, Families 9€, under 6 free.) Departs at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

For more information, call Schweinfurt Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

Was ist los in Franken?

By Bianca Sowders, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Kaltenberger Ritterturnier

The annual knights and jousting tournament at Kaltenberg castle in Geltendorf takes place on July 28-29. More than a thousand traveling artists, jugglers and vagrants turn the castle into a medieval scene; workshops show the ancient arts of the Middle Ages. More information is available at www.ritterturnier.de; online tickets can be purchased at www.kaltenbergticket.de or the ticket hotline at 01805-11 33 13.

Bardentreffen in Nürnberg

The popular annual Bardentreffen, a „bards' meet,“ takes place on various locations, like the Hauptmarkt, Insel Schütt, St. Katharina, Lorenzer Platz, Sebalder Platz, Kreuzigungshof and Trödelmarkt on July 27 – 29; the musical spectrum ranges from Classic Rock to Pop and Jazz and Avant Garde or Cabaret type performances. For more information go to www.bardentreffen.de.

River fest in Bamberg

The fourth Bamberger Flussfest takes place on Sunday, July 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along the Regnitz River at the Sportplatz. There will be boat races, the discoverer memory game, a “barefoot path,“ face painting, know tying classes and much, much more. Bring a swimsuit to participate! Details can be found at www.flussparadies-franken.de.

Bike and Music Weekend in Geiselwind

The Bike and Music Weekend in Geiselwind takes place on August 2-5 at Autohof Strohofer (Scheinfelder Straße 15 – 23); entertainment and exhibitions include bikes, American Cars, stunt und drag race shows and many live bands. For details, check www.bike-and-music-weekend.de.

Blues & Jazz festival in Bamberg

A Blues and Jazz festival with 40 live bands playing free of charge takes place in Bamberg on August 6-12 at Maxplatz and Gabelmann. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 4:30-9:30 p.m., Friday 4-10:30 p.m., Saturday 3-10:30 p.m. and Sunday 1:30-9:30 p.m. Check out details at www.blues-jazz-festival.mybamberg.de or contact the Stadtmarketing Bamberg e.V. at 0951- 20 10 30 or info@stadtmarketing-bamberg.de.

City Beach in Wuerzburg

Wuerzburg is offering a quick trip to the beach on the public Stadtstrand on Ludwigskai, open daily from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. until September 15. More information at www.stadtstrand-wuerzburg.de.

Klassik Open Air in Nuremberg

Classic open air concerts, free of charge, take place in Nuremberg at the Luitpoldhain every summer. Pitch your lawn chair or picnic blanket and listen to the Nuremberger Symphoniker play music with the motto “I could have danced all night” on August 4, both concerts start at 8 p.m. For details also check www.klassikopenair.de.

Rosengarten Serenades in Bamberg

Every year a series of classical concerts called Rosengarten Serenaden take place in Bamberg at the Rosengarten der Neuen Residenz at Domplatz. They begin at 8 p.m. and are scheduled for the following dates: July 27 and 28; August 3, 4 and 31; September 1. In case of inclement weather the concerts are moved into the Kaisersaal. For more information go to www.rosengarten-serenaden.com.

Bird shows in Schillingsfürst Castle

The castle in Schillingsfürst (near Rothenburg) houses falconry with birds of prey like falcons, vultures, eagles and kites. Bird shows take place on a daily basis until the end of October at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; there is also a falconry museum and a baroque museum that can be toured. Admission prices are 7 Euros for adults, 4 Euros for children, or 20 Euros for a family. For more details also check www.bayerischer-jagdfalkenhof.de.

Volksmarch Highlights in Franken

Here is a quick look at upcoming Volksmarches in Franconia. Participants can typically choose from 5-, 10- or 20-kilometer distances; hikers don't start all at once, but within a certain time frame and cover the chosen distance at their own pace. Food and drinks will be sold on location and registration is possible on site. It is best to contact the listed point of contact for exact starting times, updates and location information. For other locations within Germany also check the website www.dvv-wandern.de.

- July 28-29: 5, 10 km in Bamberg – POC: Deutsch-Amerikanischer Wanderclub e.V. Bamberg, 0951-47490 strat time Sat 6a.m.-noon, Sun 6 - 11 a.m.

- August 4-5: 6, 10, 20 km in Oberdachstetten – POC: Wanderfreunde Oberdachstetten 1987 e.V., 09845-987464, www.wanderfreunde-oberdachstetten.beepworld.de; start time: 6 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Guided tours are a good way to get to know the place you are living or stationed. It is a good way to spend time outside, with friends or family. Check this website available in English on guided tours <http://www.bamberg.info/en/stadtfuehrungen/>.

For general information on Bamberg's sights, locations and free-time activities check these websites: <http://www.bambergtravel.com/> or <http://www.bamberg.info/en>. The information is available in English and with the nice pictures you will get in the mood for getting out and enjoying yourself.

Insider tips and rating for the coolest pubs, clubs, bars and sights can be found on this website: <http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Germany/Bavaria/Bamberg>. People who have been to these locations before share their insight information and experiences. It is a great resource for all who would like some more information on their favorite destination on Bamberg before leaving post.

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