

Child and Youth Newsletter Nebraska National Guard



Teen Council Meeting!

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****KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR
THE UPCOMING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGED
NATIONAL GUARD CHILD
AND YOUTH CAMP****

DECEMBER 1, 2014

8:00AM-4:00PM

Youth Development Activity

Join us November 8, 2014

from 9:00am- 11:30am

at UNL's Climbing Wall. This is a free activity that will focus on resiliency, leadership and teamwork.

940 N 14th St
Lincoln, NE

Open to Guard Youth ages 9-18

Space is limited RSVP by November 6.

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CALLING ALL FAMILY READINESS GROUP VOLUNTEERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

What: wrapping Christmas toys for unit holiday celebrations! We will be working alongside the National Guard Teen Council.

When: November 21st & December 11th
from 5:30-7:00

Where: 2000 north 33rd street, Lincoln (wrapped presents will be distributed statewide)

What Can I Bring? Any old wrapping paper and tape!

NOTE: EVERYONE is welcome to come help out!

Teen council & Jr. Teen Council service learning project WRAPPING EDITION



November 21st & December 11th from 5:30 to 7:00pm with a teen council prior at 5:00pm.



East Campus Readiness Center, 2000 N 33rd St, Lincoln



Open to Guard Youth 9-18! *Please note the meeting at 5:00 is for teen council members 13-18*

RSVP by November 19, 2014 & December 9, 2014

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Haunted Armories 2014

Grand Island & Kearney



Omaha & Lincoln





Ornament Decorating Night

When: Tuesday, November 4, 2014

5:30-7:00 PM

**Where: East Campus Readiness Center,
2000 N 33rd Street, Lincoln**

RSVP by Friday, October 31st!

Who: Open to Guard Youth Ages 9-18

**~There will be a Teen Council Meeting prior to event from
5:00- 5:30 PM open to Guard youth 13-18~**

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CRAFTS

LEAF WREATH!

Things Needed:

- Fresh fall leaves in various colors
- Paper plate
- White school glue
- Scissors
- Pretty ribbon



<http://www.crafts-for-all-seasons.com/leaf-wreath.html>

Instructions:

1. Begin this Autumn craft by collecting about twenty colorful leaves from outside. Try to get nice fresh ones that have just fallen...they will be easier to glue on.
2. Cut the middle out from a paper plate. Fold the plate in half to get the cut started in the middle, then cut along the rim to make about a 2 inch paper plate border (young kids may need help with this part).
3. Continue building wreath by gluing each leaf to the paper plate. Slightly overlap each leaf. For this leaf craft, I had each leaf point in the same direction, with the stems pointing inward.
4. Next, clip off the stems from each leaf using scissors.
5. Tie a pretty Fall ribbon in a bow, then glue the bow on to the wreath.

Materials Needed:

- Baby Food Jar
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Miniature marshmallows
- Hershey Kiss Candy
- Small Candy Cane
- 4-inch or Larger Fabric Scrap
- Ribbon
- Craft Glue
- Scissors



<http://familycrafts.about.com/od/giftsinajar/a/HotChocolateJar.htm>

Instructions:

Clean the baby food jar and make sure it is completely dry.

Put a one cup serving of the hot cocoa mix into the jar. Fill the jar to the top with the miniature marshmallows. Put the cover on the jar tightly.

Cut the fabric into a 4-inch circle. Cut a piece of ribbon about 12-inches long. Set the fabric circle, centered, on top of the jar lid. Tie the ribbon around the fabric along the edge of the lid. Tie a bow in the ribbon.

Glue the Hershey Kiss candy to the top of the lid. Glue the small candy cane onto the side of the jar. You can also tie the candy cane on with the ribbon if you prefer.

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Tentative 2015 Fiscal Year Schedule



NOVEMBER

November 4: Ornament Decorating and Teen Council Meeting
November 8: Youth Development Activity (Lincoln)
November 21: Teen Council Service Learning Project (Wrapping Night)

December

December 1: Elementary School Youth Day Camp (Lincoln 8:00am-4:00pm)
December 5: Holiday Party in Lincoln (Skatezone)
December 11: Teen Council Service Learning Project (Wrapping Night)

January

January 2: Youth Day Camp, Lincoln
January 8: Teen Council Planning Meeting

February

February 13: Youth Talent Show (Ashland)
February 21: Youth Development Activity & Teen Council Meeting
February 26: Elementary School Aged Day Camp (Omaha)

March:

March 28: Operation: Hidden Egg (Ashland and Kearney)

April (Month of the Military Child)

April 1: Month of the Military Child Contest begins
April 3: Teen Council Service Learning Project
April 8: Proclamation for Month of the Military Child

April 13: Purple Up!
April 16: Memorial Stadium Tour
April 18: Military Kids Ball
April 24: Elementary School Day Camp
April 25: Valprasio Kids' Event and Wilderness Ridge Golf Lessons
April 27: Contest Submissions Due

June

June 24: Youth Development Activity and Teen Council Meeting
Camp dates TBD

July

July: TBD Youth Regional Symposium
July 26: Back to School Fun Run

August

August 1: State Youth Symposium
August 4: Teen Council Ice Cream Social
August 22: Youth Development Activity and Teen Council Meeting

September

September 10: Teen Council Service Learning Project

*PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE AND MAY BE CHANGED**

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Operation: Military Kids (OMK) would like to wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving Season. For more information on OMK please visit: www.nebraskaomk.org or www.operationmilitarykids.org

These two holiday decorations are sure to become a "family tradition" to make each year for Thanksgiving.

Pine Cone Turkey

Turkeys for Thanksgiving - Let the kids make these turkeys to decorate for Thanksgiving, or use them to hold place cards on your holiday table.

Materials List

one pinecone per turkey
glue
scissors
colored paper or (color paper with markers/crayons)

Directions

- Use colored paper, picture pages from magazines, or have the kids color patterns on white paper.
- cut out feathers from the colored paper. Make slits along the side just like feathers.
- cut out the head in the shape of a turkey, or find a picture in a magazine or flyer and glue the picture to some cardboard.
- glue the head on the small end of the pinecone.
- glue the tail feathers into the spaces on the large end of the pinecone.



Holiday Napkin Rings

Materials

Pipe Cleaners
Beads
paper towel tubes

Directions

- For each napkin ring choose a pipe cleaner and some beads.
- String the beads on the pipe cleaner.
- When the pipe cleaner is full of beads, twist the ends so the beads can't slide off.
- Wrap the pipe cleaner around the paper towel tube to shape it like a napkin ring.
- Slide the napkin ring off the tube and put a napkin through the ring.

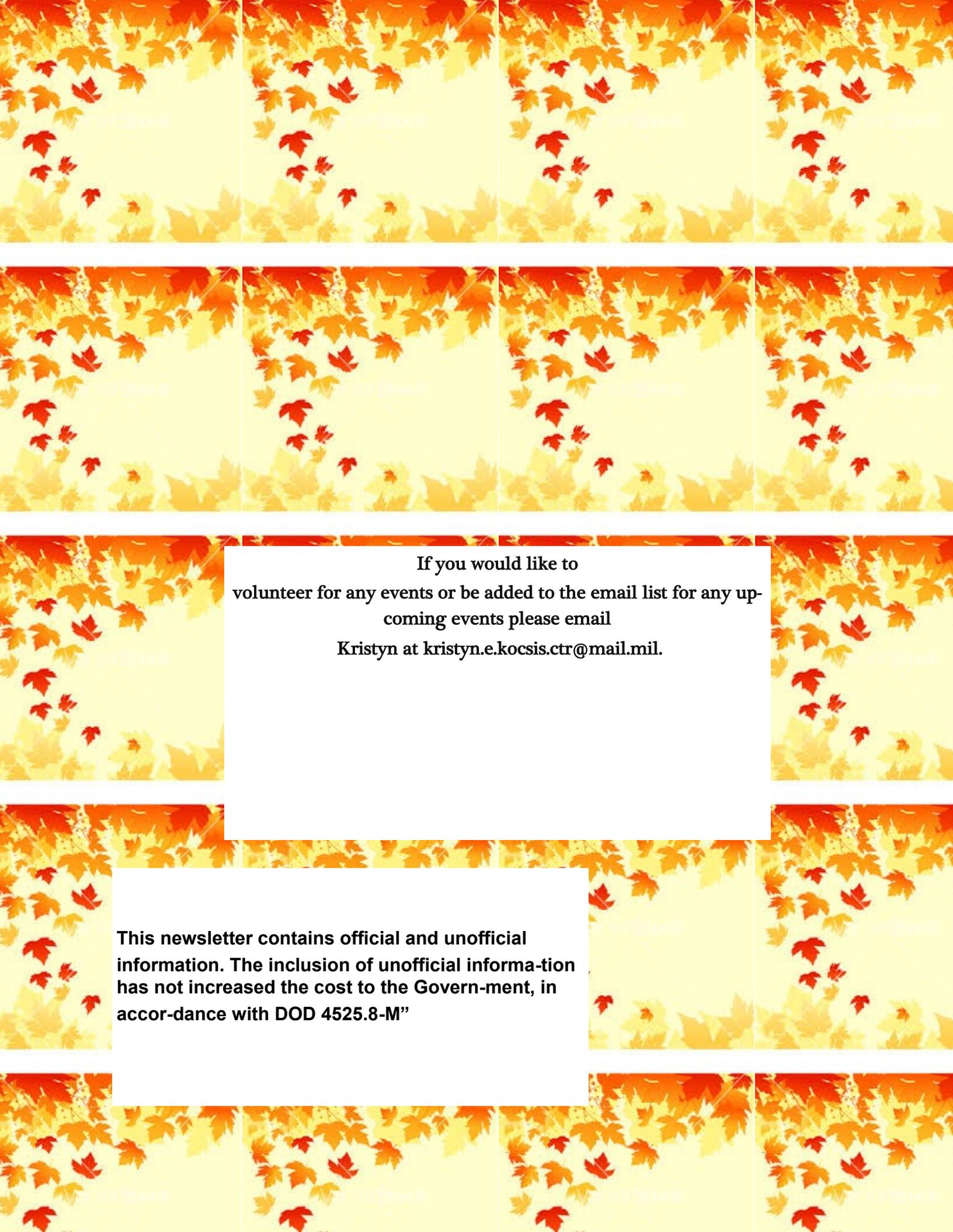
Tips

If you want the finished napkin rings to match a theme, choose pipe cleaners and beads that are the right color. For a Thanksgiving table you could put out orange and brown pipe cleaners. For Christmas you might want to use silver and gold.

Older kids can get much more creative. They can bend the pipe cleaner to create decorative shapes. Or even use a second pipe cleaner with beads to create a special item to decorate the top of the napkin ring. See pictures for ideas.

Use pipe cleaners to create initials for personalized napkin rings.





If you would like to
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