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Military Family School Tours

Ready or not, the time to prepare for the 2024-2025 school year is here! The early August start date of Camden County Schools tends to catch newly-arriving military families by surprise. To help ease the transition, the Kings Bay School host school tours for military families.

Military students and parents who have just arrived in Camden County or who have students promoted to a new grade level/school are invited to join. During the tours participants have an opportunity to become familiar with each school's campus, its policies, and procedures. Teachers are not available for the tour and class assignment are not likely to be completed at the time of the tour.

If you are interested in taking one of these tours, you come directly to the school, but registering your participation in advance helps the School Liaison prepare for each tour. You register by calling the School Liaison at (912) 573-8986 or writing kingsbaysl@us.navy.mil (Subject: Military Family School Tour). *See you there!*

Tuesday, July 23rd:

9:00 am — Crooked River ES

1:00 pm — Mary Lee Clark ES

Wednesday, July 24th:

9:00 am — Sugarmill ES

1:00 pm — Matilda Harris ES

Thursday, July 25th:

9:00 am — St. Marys Middle School

1:00 pm — Camden Middle School

Friday, July 26th:

9:00 am—Camden County High School



Tuesday, August 6th
Camden County Schools Open

“Open House” for Camden County Schools will be hosted on Friday, August 2nd. A special Pre-K and Kindergarten Camp will be hosted on Thursday, August 1st. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to visit the school campus, meet teachers and staff, and learn about specific programs. Parents, you may be tempted to say, “been there, done that,” but you have to be careful to remember that this is for the child as much as it is for you. These opportunities are especially meaningful for military children who may have just “PCS’d” here. Open House gives each child a chance to experience the new school in a way that is age-appropriate and meets his or her individual social and academic needs. Here are a few important reasons to attend the Open House at each of your children’s schools:



1. *Meet the teacher:* This will show the teacher that you are serious about your parental involvement, that you are invested in your child's education and you want to establish a collaboration with him or her for great results for your child.
2. *Learn about the curriculum:* Sure, education has a lot of acronyms and jargon that can sound like Greek, but hearing it, asking questions and taking notes will make it less of a mystery. This will help you explain to your child the importance of learning goals and understand more clearly if your child requires accommodations.
3. *Meet other parents:* We are so fortunate to live in an age where communication is at your fingertips literally. Perhaps you can create a study group for the students in your child's class, a rotating list of names for snack or even a birthday-of-the-month club.
4. *Look for potential concerns:* This is a time you can discover a way to support your child and the teacher, how to support the curriculum from home and the best way to communicate with the teacher. Getting an early understanding may prevent problems later in the year.
5. *Opportunities to support:* There are many opportunities to help, whether it's signing up for the Fall Festival or cutting out laminated items for the classroom. Be consistent with the offer of support because it is so important that your military child observe your participation. It gives him or her a sense of connection to school. Get involved and stay involved!



Pre-K and Kindergarten Camp: Aug. 1st — 9:00 am — 11:00 am

High School Open House: Aug. 2nd — 11:00 am — 1:00 pm

Elementary Open House: Aug. 2nd — 3:30 pm — 5:30 pm

Middle School Open House: Aug. 2nd — 5:00 pm — 7:00 pm

Tips for a Successful School Year

Having a successful school year does not happen by accident. By working together, parents and students can put certain routines in place that will lay a foundation for a strong academic year. Here are few tips to help your military child have a school year that will make the whole family proud:

1. **READ EVERYDAY!** You can read to your child or have your child read to you ...either way, READ! Student performance reports that student who read consistently make the greatest gains.
2. **Create a consistent school routine** — Having daily routines such as a nutritious breakfast, bedtimes and study times give structure to the day and can help your child develop new levels of discipline.
3. **Get involved and STAY involved!** Make it a point to ask your child AND the teacher questions about what is being learned in school — especially in middle and high school. The more you know the better!
4. **Communicate** — Maintain open lines of communication with faculty, staff, and administrators from the beginning of the school year. You can and should contact educators *anytime* you have concerns.
5. **Build partnerships**—Whether you work with other parents or teachers, working with others makes the most of the resources available to help students succeed. You don't have to do this alone.
6. **Be positive!** - Always speak positively about school, learning AND your child's teacher. Your attitude will likely be reflected in student effort and performance. If learning is important to you, it will be important to your child...and opposite is true.
7. **Ask for help!** — There are a host of service providers both in school and on the installation just waiting to offer support e.g. the school counselor, the School Liaison, and/or the Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLC). Let these professionals come along side and help make this a great school year!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Operation Homefront and Dollar Tree have partnered to ease some of the financial stress of back-to-school purchases by collecting school supply donations from Dollar Tree customers in southeast Georgia. Donations will be distributed to service members and their families for a first-come, first-served basis.

Active duty members (E-5 and below) who may need this assistance are asked to contact their Command Master Chiefs (CMC) or Sergeant Majors to have their names added to a list which commands will be provided to the chapel. Those participating in the **“Blessing of the Backpacks”** program are invited to the collect school supplies on **Monday and Tuesday, July 29th and July 30th from 0900 —1300** in the chapel education building. Supplies are limited! Let's begin this school year by sending our military students back to the classroom with all they need!





Homeschool Happenings!

Many military parents choose to homeschool their children for various reasons — frequent military relocations, faith-based convictions, special needs of children, etc. Homeschooling is a great educational alternative because it offers military families a degree of control and flexibility not often found in a traditional school setting. Georgia law requires parents or guardians who teach their children at home to submit to the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) an annual Declaration of Intent form within 30 days after establishment of a home study program and by September 1st annually thereafter. According to Georgia statute, parents or guardians choosing to homeschool should be prepared to do the following:

1. Parent or guardian must be submitted **ONLINE** to the Georgia Department of Education a **Declaration of Intent to Utilize a Home Study Program** by September 1 or within 30 days after the program is established. Visit <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Pages/Home-Study-DOI.aspx> to complete this form,
2. The declaration must include the names and ages of the students, the address where the program is located, and the dates of the school year,
3. Parents or guardians may teach only their own children in the home study program. The teaching parent and/or guardian or tutor employed by the **parents or guardians must hold a high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED)**,
4. The home study program must include, but it is should not be limited to, instruction in reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science,
5. The school must include the equivalent of **180 days of at least 4 ½ hours of daily** instruction unless the child is physically unable to comply with this requirement, and
6. Students in home study programs shall be **subject to an appropriate nationally standardized testing** program administered in consultation with a person trained in the administration and interpretation of norm-referenced tests. The student **MUST** be evaluated at least every three years beginning in the third grade and records of the testing must be maintained.

Additional information is available from the **Georgia Department of Education at (404) 656-2800** or **(800) 311-3627**.





Homeschool Happenings!

Homeschool Access to Extracurricular Activities

After being approved by the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate, Senate Bill 42 became law when it was signed by Governor Brian Kemp on May 6, 2021. This new law allows homeschooled students to participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic activities in their districts if the following six requirements are met:

1. **At least 30 days before the first school day of the semester** the parent or guardian notifies the district that the student will be participating, provides a copy of the student's most recent annual progress report, and provides "written verification" that the student is "receiving a passing grade in each home study program course, is maintaining satisfactory progress toward advancement, and meets the requirements for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity,"
2. For each semester in which the home study student participates in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity, **the home study student enrolls in and attempts to complete one "qualifying course"** (virtual instruction program, a dual-enrollment college course, or an on-site course),
3. The student **meets established age, academic, behavioral, conduct, disciplinary, residence, zoning, and other rules and requirements** and provides any supporting documentation required by the resident school,
4. The student **abides by the same student code of conduct and disciplinary measures** and transportation policies as students enrolled at the resident school,
5. The student **completes the tryout process or the equivalent for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity applicable to all students** for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity and provides any supporting documentation required by the resident school," and
6. If the extracurricular or interscholastic activity involves a competitive selection process, **the home study student must be selected.**

If these requirements are met, the school district "shall not deny a home study student the opportunity to try out and participate if selected in any extracurricular or interscholastic activities available at the resident school or in the resident school system." If there questions, please consult with the appropriate district personnel or legal counsel.



Branch Medical Clinic Services



Enrolling in Georgia schools requires two medical forms: which must be signed by a Georgia physician. No need to panic! Not having the medical forms submitted when school starts will **NOT** keep a military child from attending public school once the online registration has been properly completed. The Interstate Compact grants military parents an additional 30 **calendar** days to comply with district medical requirements:

Form 3300 — Certificate of Immunization

Military parents need only bring existing “shot records” to the Immunization Office at the Kings Bay Branch Medical Clinic in order for clinic personnel to transfer information onto this required Georgia form. No appointment is necessary. Please contact Della Poponea of at (912) 573-8250 for more information.

Form 3231— Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental and Nutrition

This is essentially the record on which the school physical is recorded. Upon arrival, military parents will need contact the network provider for their school-age children in order to make the necessary appointments. The attending physician can complete this form for submission to local schools.

Vaccination requirements for students entering 7th and 11th grades:

All students born on or after January 1, 2002 and entering, advancing or transferring into 7th grade in Georgia must have proof of an adolescent pertussis (whooping cough) booster vaccination (called “Tdap”) AND an adolescent meningococcal vaccination (called MCV4).

GROW WITH US

Family Garden Club

**TUESDAYS
IN JULY**
9, 16, 23 & 30



"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." - Audrey Hepburn



JOIN US AT THE CRAB 10-11 AM

- ✓ INCLUDES A GARDENING ACTIVITY
- ✓ MAKING A FRESH SNACK
- ✓ OPEN TO ALL AGES
- ✓ PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND THIS FREE ACTIVITY
(CRAB ADMISSION WILL APPLY IF STAYING TO PLAY AFTER ACTIVITY)



www.tinyurl.com/CRABgrowwithus



Homeschool Huddle!

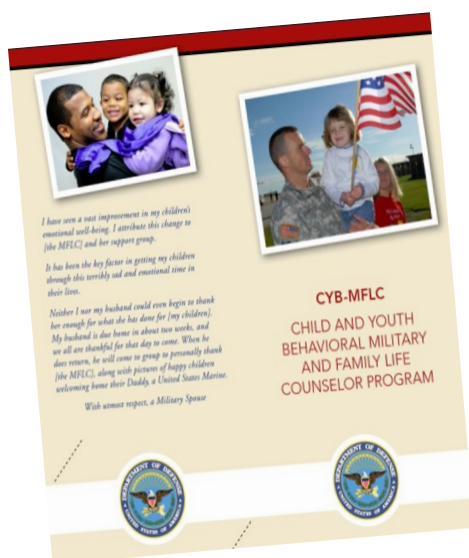
On **Friday, August 9th** the School Liaison will host “Homeschool Huddle” at the Kings Bay Youth Center from 0900—1100 for military families looking to build a strong homeschool community. Homeschooling a great way for military parents to individualize academic instruction for their children, but does require support. This ‘meet and greet’ event will give homeschool parents and their students a way to share resources, plan events, gather information to make their homeschools successful and engaging, and have some fun. If you are currently homeschooling or thinking about this educational option for your military children, please register with the School Liaison by calling (912) 573-8986 or writing kingsbaysl@us.navy.mil by Monday, August 5th. Do not miss out on this opportunity to meet other homeschool families. Let’s work together to make sure that your military homeschool has access to a community of support.



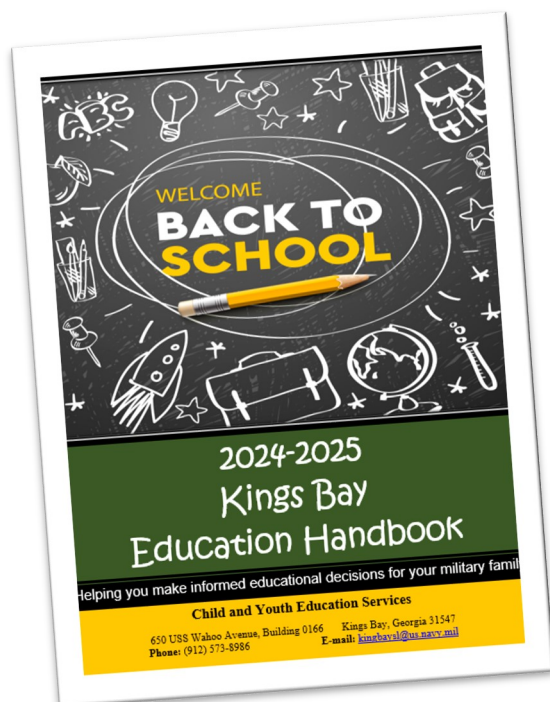
Military Family Life Counselors

Life just happens! When school-age children face the challenges of this military lifestyle, know that there is someone in your school waiting to help. Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLCs — pronounced “em-flecks”) are on hand to speak help your children deal with all of life stressors. Available at every school in Camden County, these counselors are Masters or Doctorate-level professionals who offer short-term, solution-focused, problem-solving counseling. These counselors take NO notes and do NOT report encounters to school or command leadership. They are simply there to offer you and your children the support you need to deal with whatever life has sent your way — deployment stresses, divorce, grief, etc.

At the start of the year you will receive a consent form from the MFLC which will keep on file in case you need their support. Having this consent on file will simply allow the MFLC to meet with your child whenever you believe he or she needs emotional support of another caring adult. Look for the MFLC at your school or Child Development Center.



Got Questions!



Moving to a new duty station is never easy! If you are headed to NSB Kings Bay, getting information about local schools has just become a little bit easier. The **Kings Bay Education Handbook**, can be found at www.navymwrkingsbay.com under the “Child and Youth” tab. This handbook is designed to answer most of the basic questions parents have about schools in the local area. Simply go to the School Liaison page to find this handbook under the **Downloads** section in the right sidebar. If you still have questions, call the School Liaison at (912) 573-8986 or feel free to send your questions kingsbaysl@us.navy.mil.

Welcome to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay!

SAT Coming Next Month!!

The next SAT is scheduled for **Saturday, August 24th** and the **registration deadline is August 9th** (late registration deadline is **August 13th**). In a world where many colleges and scholarship programs still require standardized test scores, determining when to take the SAT is an especially critical part of the admissions process. While most students take the SAT during their junior year of high school, some start taking it as early as their sophomore year, and others keep testing well into their senior year of high school. It all depends on your test-taking goals, target universities, and current aptitude.

The trick is to **start taking tests early** enough that you can get a little practice under your belt, but not so early that you haven't had sufficient time to study. It's a bit of a balancing act. The summer is an ideal time to take the SAT because students are not usually facing the demands of school year studies. Here's what you need to know about the SAT:

- The SAT is offered seven times a year in March, May, June, August, October, November, and December.
- It takes two to four weeks to receive an SAT score report. Plan to take the test at least four weeks before any scholarship or college application deadlines.
- You should plan to take the SAT test at least twice. However, some students may want to take it more than twice, depending on their testing confidence and goal score.



College bound students preparing to take the new digital SAT (or ACT) may access preparatory resources and practice exams at a number of online sites. Learn more about the Digital SAT by visiting <https://blog.collegeboard.org>. For more information about taking the SAT or college admissions, contact the Kings Bay School Liaison by calling (912) 573-8986 or writing kingsbaysl@us.navy.mil.

Get Ready for the Digital SAT®

This article was adapted from www.goingmerry.com on June 13, 2024.

Summer Meals

are available at no cost
to children 18 & under

With food prices on the increase, many families will struggle to provide healthy and nutritious meals to their children over the summer. Camden County Schools, in partnership with the USDA, will distribute free meals to families experiencing food insecurities each Monday during the months of June and July (one Wednesday). Families need only come to the locations listed below to access 10 FREE meals (5 breakfasts and 5 lunches) weekly for each child 18-years old or younger. The dates and times of meal pick-ups are listed below:

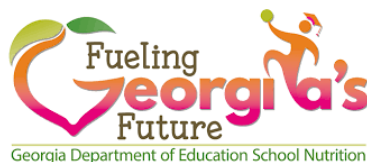
Grab & Go Drive Up: July 10, 15, 17, 22, 24

School Name	School Address	Curbside Pick-up Time
St. Marys Middle School	205 Martha Drive, St. Marys, Georgia 31558	10:00—11:30
Camden Middle School	1300 Middle School Road, Kingsland, Georgia 31548	10:00—11:30
Woodbine Elementary School	495 Broadwood Drive, Woodbine, Georgia 31569	10:00—11:30
CCHS Ninth Grade Center	6300 Laurel Island Parkway Kingsland, Georgia 31548	10:00—11:30

For more information call toll free (844) 406-9320

There is no need to provide proof of residency, income, or enrollment in Camden County schools. Maybe your family or someone you know needs to take advantage of this great resource! This food distribution program, and others like it, are available to families across the United States. What does that mean? If you plan to travel over the summer you may still access similar programs in other states or locations. Use the information below to find other food programs online:

- Text **"FOODGA"** to **877877** from a mobile device beginning June 1
- Dial **1-866-3-HUNGRY** (1-866-348-6479) to find locations
- Visit **Food Finder** at www.foodfinder.us to locate food distribution centers
- Visit **Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder**: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder>.

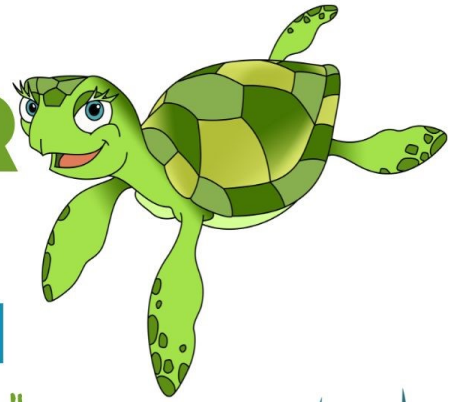




CHARACTER STORYTIME

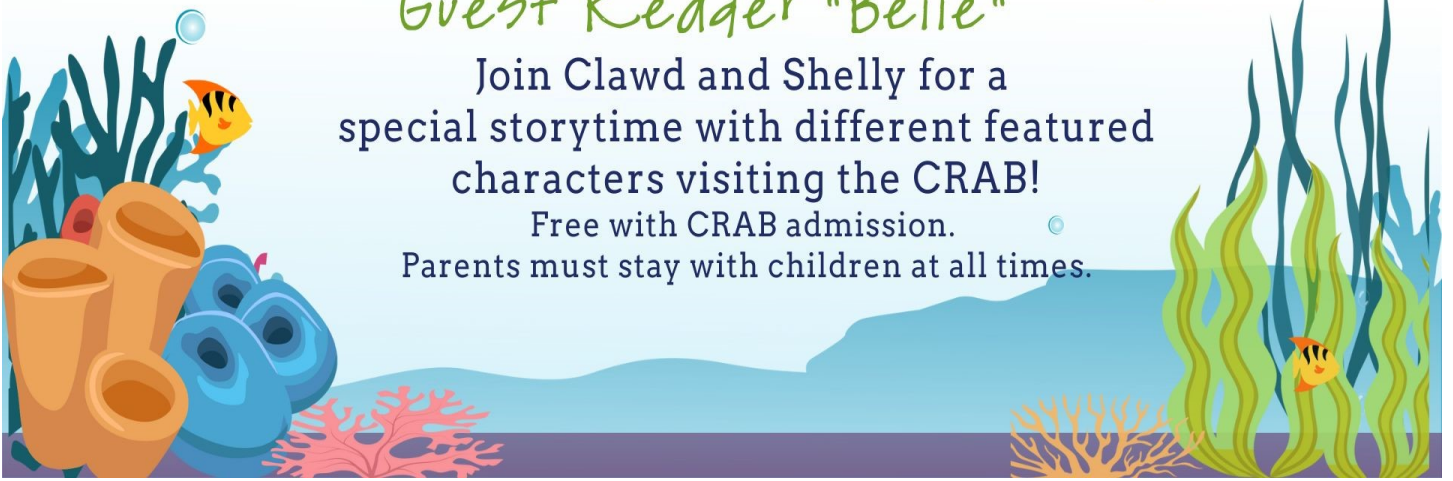
JULY 10 • 10 AM

Guest Reader "Belle"



Join Clawd and Shelly for a special storytime with different featured characters visiting the CRAB!

Free with CRAB admission.
Parents must stay with children at all times.



CRAB Events & Programs



WINTER IN JULY

**THURS, *JULY 25
10 AM-12 NOON**

* Join Clawd and Opal for a special winter celebration to beat the summer heat! Winter-themed activities, frozen treats & a winter craft!

Free with CRAB admission.
Parents must stay with children at all times.



FINNEGAN'S BOWLING
KIDS SUMMER STRIKES

2024

Tues, Wed & Thurs

May 22-Aug 9

•1:30-4:30 PM•

All kids, 17 years and under,
bowl two games FREE!
Shoe rental fee and additional
game rates apply.



MWR Events & Programs



Celebrate
National Parks &
Recreation Month

JULY 1-6



MWR GEOCACHE HUNT

Explore Lake D with a
Geocache Hunt!
GPS coordinates & starting clues
will be posted on our FB page.
Start your adventure, find all the
clues and solve the puzzle.

Send your results to
mary.w.mccollough.naf@us.navy.mil
Winner will be notified
Monday, July 10





The warm waters of the Atlantic Ocean which give birth to seasonal hurricanes care little about the pandemic which is impacting the global community. Whether you are new to the area or a Coastal hurricane veteran, **now is the time to prepare!** We must not forget that hurricane season begins June 1 and last through November 30. Be ready for hurricane season!

Today, you can determine your personal hurricane risk, find out if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone, and review/update insurance policies. You can also make a list of items to replenish hurricane emergency supplies and start thinking about how you will prepare your home for the coming hurricane season. If you live in hurricane-prone areas, you are encouraged to complete these simple preparations before hurricane season begins.

Preparing for a hurricane is not difficult, but it **DOES** require planning. Visit www.Ready.gov/Hurricanes for more suggestions about how you can design a hurricane plan that meets the unique needs of your family:

- ⇒ **Documentation:** Might you need to take medical records? Be sure to bring copies of COVID-19 verification. Property or insurance records? Document all of your valuables with a camera. Make your hurricane list and 'check it twice'
- ⇒ **Evacuation route:** Will you stay or evacuate? If you leave, where will you go? How will you get there? One vehicle or more? Will you need to make hotel reservations or are you staying with family or friends? Have enough cash? Are the vehicle filled with gas?
- ⇒ **Exceptional needs:** Does anyone in your family have special needs? Medication? List medications and dosage instructions. Assistive technology/ medical equipment? Be sure to record styles and serial numbers of the equipment.
- ⇒ **Pet Needs** — Are pets traveling with you? Pet vaccination records (many hotels requirement)? Have you identified pet-friendly housing options in the evacuation area? Will your pets require crates, kennels, food dishes, etc.
- ⇒ **Communication** — Have you compiled the names and numbers of those who will need to know where you are. If you are active duty, make sure that your **Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) information is updated.**



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⇒ Download the **NFAAS app NOW** in order to maintain open lines of communication with the command.

MAKE A HURRICANE PLAN.

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DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST



General

- Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- Batteries
- Flashlights
Do not use candles
- NOAA Weather Radio
Battery operated or hand cranked
- Cash
Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
- Cell phone chargers
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Phone Numbers

- Maintain a list of important phone numbers including:
County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family

Clothing

- Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Special Needs Items

- Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

First Aid

- First Aid Manual
- Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- Sterile gauze pads
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- Triangular bandages
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Sewing needle
- Moistened towellettes
- Antiseptic
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Thermometer
- Tube of petroleum jelly
- Safety pins
- Soap
- Latex gloves
- Sunscreen
- Aspirin or other pain reliever
- Anti-diarrheal medicine
- Antacid
- Laxative
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips

Food and Water

- Food
Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- Water
1 gallon per person per day
- Non-electric can opener
- Paper plates
- Napkins
- Plastic cups
- Utensils

Important Documents

- Insurance cards
- Medical records
- Banking information
- Credit card numbers
- Copies of social security cards
- Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- Other personal documents
- Set of car, house, and office keys
- Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- Copy of Will

**Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Vehicle

- Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

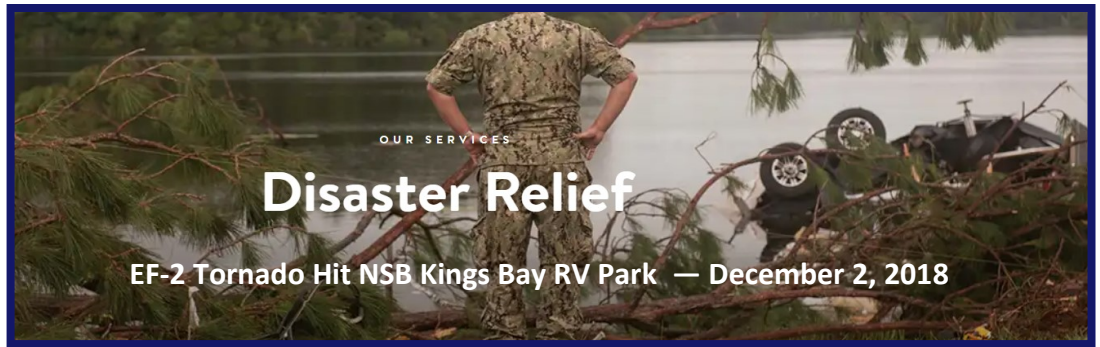
Pet Care Items

- Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- Proper identification
- Medical records/microchip information
- A carrier or cage
- Muzzle and leash
- Water and food bowls
- Medications
- Supplies for your service animal

Find more disaster preparedness tips at
FloridaDisaster.org



NAVY-MARINE CORPS
RELIEF SOCIETY



Here at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, we know “a little something” about the living through disasters associated with hurricanes and tornados. These types of natural weather events not only cause destruction to personal property, they disrupt lives and can have a devastating effect on personal finances. Keeping track of weather and instructions from base leadership is critical. To take full advantage of the financial resources available through the local Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) you need to act **EARLY**. Without a plan, many military families will be caught off guard financially when it’s time to get on the road.

Who is eligible? Active duty or retired Sailor or Marine, eligible family members with military ID card, surviving spouses, and reservist on extended active duty of 30 days or more. Assistance from NMCRS and the American Red Cross is for those who do not have access to or are not authorized to use a Government travel card.



VOLUNTARY EVACUATION — Don’t wait until the last minute!

The Kings Bay NMCRS is prepared to offer assistance to military families with gas, food and lodging during a voluntary evacuation:

- ⇒ \$600 interest free loan
- ⇒ \$50 monthly repayment plan

MANDATORY EVACUATION — During a **mandatory** evacuation, local NMCRS personnel are **NOT** available. Instead, military families requiring assistance will be directed to the American Red Cross — Hero’s Line (1-877-272-7337) to receive assistance. The same benefits listed above will remain available.

NMCRS will provide urgent basic assistance in the immediate aftermath of a disaster and assistance with essential long-term needs when losses are not adequately covered by insurance or government benefits.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society will continue to meet this mission no matter when or where disaster strikes.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If your local NMCRS office is closed and you need urgent help, contact the American Red Cross at

[1-877-272-7337](tel:1-877-272-7337)



Child and Youth Education Services

Clainetta T. Jefferson
School Liaison

650 USS Wahoo, Bldg. 0166

Kings Bay, Georgia 31547

Phone: 912-573-8986

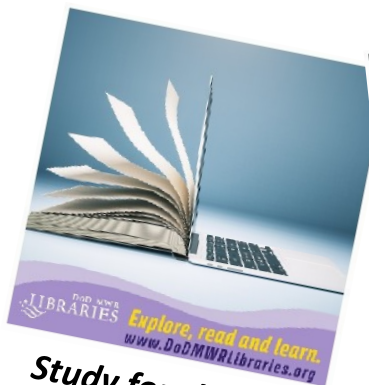
Email: kingsbayslo@navy.mil

"Call the School Liaison before you move on."



DoDMWRLibraries.org

DoDMWRLibraries.org is a new one-stop site offering more than 80 free online resources offering virtually limitless possibilities — tutoring, research, learning new things, or just having some fun! Take advantage of this great resource which is right at your fingertips! [#ExploreReadLearn](https://twitter.com/ExploreReadLearn) It's free and available 24/7!



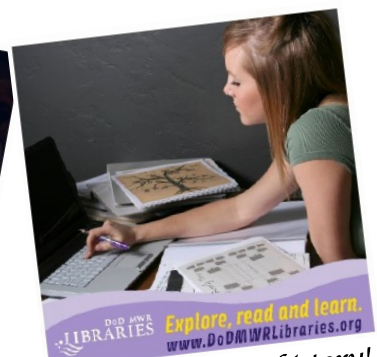
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