School Attendance Matters

“5 — 10...What happens then?”

Sending a child to school in Georgia is not a suggestion, a recommendation, or just a good idea...it’s the law! Adopted July 1, 2004, Georgia’s Compulsory School Attendance Law 20-2-690 states that more than five (5) unexcused absences constitute truancy. At 5 unexcused absences, parents/guardians will receive a letter from Camden County Schools notifying them that they are in violation of this statute and will request a meeting with school staff to resolve truancy issues. The district will accept written excuses from parents/guardians for five (5) total days of absence when the note is provided within two days of the absence. Once absences exceed 5 days, the family may be referred to the community Attendance Panel before legal proceedings are considered. If a student has 10 or more days excused absences, a medical excuse from a doctor or other qualified medical practitioner will be required.

In accordance with Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-5-1.10, students may be temporarily excused from school for the following reasons:

- personal illness—attendance would endanger their health or the health of others;
- immediate family illness or death which would reasonably necessitate the absence;
- recognized religious holidays observed by their faith;
- attending college/career visitations in keeping with regulations provided in JBD-R;
- registering to vote or voting - not to exceed one day;
- conditions render school attendance hazardous to the student’s health or safety;
- visiting a military parent returning from a combat zone (five day max per school year with school administrative approval);
- mandated by order of governmental agencies (e.g. pre-induction exams); and
- any absence not explicitly identified but deemed by the local Board of Education to have merit.

Absences not permitted under the Compulsory School Attendance Law and by policies and regulations of the school system Board of Education will be considered unlawful (unexcused). Please Review Carefully! The law states that parents/guardians of students whose unexcused absences exceed five (5) days may face fines, community service, jail time, or any combination of those penalties.

Good attendance habits positively impact student performance and carry over into the world of work. Let’s aim for perfect attendance this year. We can do it!

EARLY WITHDRAWALS: Students checked out of school before these designated times may be deemed ‘absent’ for the day, if they do not return:

- ES — 12 pm, MS — 11:10 am, HS — 10:37 am.

Make appointments with these times in mind.
MILITARYChildCare.com

Ready to PCS? Using MilitaryChildCare.com, you can find comprehensive information on child care programs worldwide, conduct a customized search for the care you need, and submit a request for care at any time and from many location. Follow these steps!

CREATE AN ACCOUNT — Go to MilitaryChildCare.com to create an account containing information about your family, or to login using an existing username and password.

SEARCH and REQUEST CARE — Search the system for the childcare options that vest fit your needs and submit your requests for care.

MANAGE YOUR REQUESTS — You can manage your requests for care from anywhere in the world.

UPDATE YOUR PROFILE — Keep your My Profile page up-to-date with important information.

Need help? Call 1(855) 696-2934 for support.

SCOUT Me In!

When you’re a kid, fun comes first! Scouts let kids have fun while teaching them skills that will help them later on. From the thrill of shooting an arrow to learning how to transform a block of wood into a race car, Cub Scouts is one thrill after another. With a program expertly tailored to match each age in a kid’s life, Cub Scouts learn that when fun isn’t easy, it’s always an adventure.

Through Scouting’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) initiative your child will have an opportunity to explore science in many ways — astronomy, map and compass, geology, and the opportunity to earn Cub Scouting’s STEM award, NOVA.

For more information contact Greyson Cato, Coastal District Executive (912) 927-7272 or (912) 662-6899 or e-mail Greyson.cato@scouting.org

EDUCATION STATION
Information is the **KEY!**

Remember when students could ‘exaggerate’ what grade they made on this week’s math test or claim to have turned in homework without parents being able to check? Well, today’s 21st century, digital world allows parents to access student information *almost* immediately using apps like **PowerSchool**. Your military child’s academic success this year depends on there being clear lines of communication between home and school. One of the best ways to monitor and track teacher communication, student performance, and other academic concerns is through the use of **PowerSchool**. This app allows parents to remain informed and engaged when it comes to their children and the work they are doing in school. Having the **PowerSchool** app and reviewing it regularly will help every military parent stay informed, know when to celebrate successes, and identify those areas where students might need more help. Download it today, *use it everyday!*

See Real-Time Updates on any Device

Parents and students get insights, assignments, grades, attendance and more from any iOS or Android device, including Apple Watch.

View All Your Children in One Parent Account

Parents and guardians can view all their children’s information under one parent account, saving time and eliminating the need to repeatedly sign in and out to view each child’s updates.

Get Instant Communication

Parents can view teacher comments and quickly respond via email.

Get Push Notifications with Grades, Attendance

Parents, guardians, and students receive real-time notifications with updates about grades and attendance to help boost student engagement and growth through parent support.

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**Girl Scouts Awaits!**

Research shows that girls learn best in an all-girl environment where they practice different skills, explore their potential, and take on leadership positions. At Girl Scouts, they’ll feel encouraged to dust themselves off, get up, and try again.

As a Girl Scout, your girl will participate in Girl Scout Leadership Experience — a proven, one-of-a-kind leadership development program (and the largest in the world) where she will...

- Engage in healthy activities
- Explore the great outdoors
- Participate in hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skill building
- Carry out meaningful community service projects
- So much more!!

Want to learn more about the opportunities to join Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia?

For information visit [www.gshg.org](http://www.gshg.org) or contact the Customer Care Team at **1-888-689-1912** between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Monday through Thursday and 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Fridays.
Behavioral Health Crisis Number — Dial 988!

Life can sometimes be overwhelming — rising costs, PCS-ing to a new duty station, getting back to school, and so much more. Well, if you need someone to talk to help is right at your fingertips.

On July 16th, a new 988 number was made available 24/7 for Americans dealing with a mental health crisis.

988 is more than just an easy-to-remember number - it’s a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress - whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

Remember, it is OK to ask for help! Take advantage of all the resources available to you and your family. One call could make all the difference!

MILITARY OneSource

If you are like most people, trying to keep track of information, family members, money, and everything else can be frustrating. How nice it would be if everything was organized in one place where you could find it easily...well, it is in MILITARY OneSource!

Military OneSource is a site dedicated to making life simpler and easier to navigate. Besides counseling, document interpretation, and research, Military OneSource is another great educational resource. Whether you are a service member thinking about a college degree, a military spouse wanting to connect with a network of military-friendly employers or a parent hoping for a smooth school transition for your child, Military OneSource offers practical information and resources for pursuing education goals and achieving career aspirations. Take the next steps to make your education and career ambitions come true! Begin by contacting one of the educational consultants available at Military OneSource. They will assist you in making informed choices about your education, college or career. Visit www.militaryonesource.com.
At the start of a new school year, some students find themselves struggling with new concepts and course content. If you are that student or the parent of a military student in need of academic support then Tutor.com could be the answer! Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, is a program that provides on-demand, online tutoring and homework help at no cost to active duty service members and their eligible dependents. With live, expert tutors available 24/7, military-connected students can receive academic help at their moment of need — anywhere they have an internet connection.

Around-the-Clock Help

- Work with a tutor from any internet-connected device, anywhere in the world
- Connect to an expert tutor available on demand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week*
- Get online tutoring help three ways: request a tutor’s help right now, schedule a future tutoring session, or upload a document for offline review and get comments back within 24 hours

Use the free Tutor.com app for iOS and Android mobile devices — take a picture of a homework problem and upload it for the tutor to see.

All Core Subjects, All Skill Levels

We tutor in more than 50 subjects including math, science, English, business and nursing. For a complete list of subjects that we provide tutoring for, click on a grade level:

- Grades K-12 Subjects
- College and Professional Subjects

Set your sights on success.

Online tutoring and homework help for U.S. military and their families provided 24/7 at no cost by the U.S. Department of Defense and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance.
Branch Medical Clinic Services

The Interstate Compact grants military parents seeking to enroll students in local schools **30 days** to comply with district medical requirements or initiate compliance. Not having these medical forms submitted should **NOT** keep a military child from attending school once the online registration is properly completed. Georgia requires two forms be submitted to document medical compliance:

**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).

New for all students entering or transferring into the 11th grade will need proof of a meningococcal booster (MCV4), unless their first dose was received on or after their 16th birthday.

School Lunches Made Easy!

Now, paying for school lunches is right at your fingertips. No more hunting for the just the right amount of money on a busy school-day morning. By downloading the **MySchoolBucks** app, parents can monitor school lunch purchases, track account balances, and even make payments from a home computer or phone. **MySchoolBucks** allows parents to monitor school lunch purchases for multiple children at different schools. If you have not already done so, you might want to download the app now to see if **MySchoolBucks** can make life a bit easier for you and the entire family!
Military and 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 the school or command leadership. They are simply there to offer you and your children the support needed 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 your MFLC which will be kept on file in case you need his or her support. Please sign and return the consent form to your school MFLC. Having this consent on file will simply allow the MFLC to meet with your child whenever you believe he or she needs the emotional support of another caring adult. Look for the MFLC at your school! You’ll be glad you did!

Crooked River ES — Dr. Brian Goodwin
David L. Rainer ES — Christi Panzner
Kingsland ES — Jamila Carmichael
Mamie Gross ES — Mykeysia Sawyer
Mary Lee Clark ES — Jennifer Weldon
Sugarmill ES — Tatiana Jones
Woodbine ES — Mykeysia Sawyer
Camden Middle School — Kassondra Taylor
St. Marys MS — Retina Dawson
Ninth Grade Academy — Anna Miliner
Camden County HS — Demeka Hillery
Matilda Harris ES — Kellie Vasquez
St. Marys ES — Mandy Driggers
Happy 232nd Birthday, Coast Guard!

*Semper Paratus!*

August 4, 2022 marks the 232nd Birthday of the United States Coast Guard. “The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government. Established in 1790, the Coast Guard served as the nation’s only armed force on the sea until Congress launched the Navy Department eight years later.

The Coast Guard is one of America's five armed forces and traces its founding to Aug. 4, 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue. The service received its present name in 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service to form a single maritime service dedicated to the safety of life at sea and enforcing the nation’s maritime laws.

The Coast Guard is a multi-mission, maritime, military service and the smallest of the five Armed Services. Its mission is to protect the public, the environment and U.S. economic interests in the nation’s waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security. Join the entire Kings Bay family in wishing “Happy Birthday” to our Coast Guard service members and families!

![Coast Guard](image)

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**Homeschool Happenings!**

Deciding to homeschool children is an educational option chosen by many military families. It provides parents the opportunity to tailor instruction for the individual child, offers flexibility of scheduling, and is gives parents the time to uniquely invest in the lives of their children. Still, this is not a choice to be taken lightly. Military parents who choose to homeschool must be careful to select the appropriate curriculum, maintain the necessary documentation, and be knowledgeable enough of core content to support student achievement and/or performance.

What is required of homeschooling families varies from state to state. If you are a homeschooling family and want to comply with Georgia or other state requirements, you need only visit Homeschool Legal Defense Agency at [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org). This non-profit agency provides homeschooling parents the information they need to comply with state regulations around the country. By clicking the “Homeschool Laws by State” icon, you can gather important legislative information to ensure that you are in compliance with state laws. HSLDA also provides other resources to help make your military homeschool a success!

![Homeschool Legal Defense Agency](image)
Celebrating August!

The month of August is often a calm and quiet time of year and the light list of celebrations reflects that stillness. It's a time to relax before the school year starts. But, there are plenty of days to celebrate time with your pets or summertime cuisine.

The name of the month was originally a Latin word *Sextilis*, the month was renamed to August in honor of Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor. Now the month of August is filled with meaningful and sometimes quirky observances which may last a day, a week or the entire month:

- **August 4**: U.S. Coast Guard Birthday,
- **August 25**: National Banana Split Day
- **National Video Game Week** (first week)
- **National Scrabble Week** (first week)
- **National Smile Week** (second week)
- **Be Kind to Humankind Week** (fourth week)
- **National Back to School Month**
- **National Kindergarten Month**

Even as summer comes to an end, it looks like there are still tons of fun ways to celebrate August. Find the day or week that best suits you and celebrate August!

**FFSC August Calendar of Events**

Each month the staff and service providers at the Kings Bay Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) offer a host of classes designed to strengthen your family, sharpen your skills, and make living the military life just a little bit easier. The Fleet and Family Support Center classes are **FREE** to active duty, retirees and their family members.

Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Please make your arrangements early as childcare is not provided at FFSC. Here are a few of the August 2022 classes that might interest you or your family. Want to learn more? Call Fleet and Family at (912) 573-4512/4513 or visit [www.facebook.com/ffsckingsbay](http://www.facebook.com/ffsckingsbay).

The Kings Bay Fleet and Family Support Center offers a variety of classes to meet your every need. **Find what works for you!**

- **Aug. 3** — OCONUS Smooth Move
- **Aug. 8** — Understanding Your LES
- **Aug. 10** — Kings Bay Express—tour of installation
- **Aug. 17** — Stress Management
- **Aug. 18** — Expectant Family Workshop
- **Aug. 20** — CONUS Smooth Move
- **Aug. 23** — Be Financially Prepared for Disasters
- **Aug. 24** — Federal Resume Writing
Kids Fishing Derby

Happy National Hunting & Fishing Day!

Sat. Sept 24 • 9 am-1 pm
FREE at Liberty Lake
Registration link on MWR FB page
No Georgia or base fishing license required for this event.

MWR Events and Programs

FAMILY MUSIC CLASSES

COST $32*
FOR 1 CHILD & 1 ADULT
FOR ALL 4 CLASSES
*FREE ENTRY TO CRAB

August 9, 16, 23, & 30
10:00-10:30 AM (classes are designed for ages 11 mth-3 yrs)
Pre-register at The CRAB or Tickets & Travel
KINGS BAY 2022
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
FITNESS COMPLEX/RACE START 0900

PRE-REGISTER DATES & FEES:
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL $25
July 12-AUGUST 11
AFTER AUGUST 11/EVENT DAY $30
PRE-REGISTER AT

ALL PARTICIPANTS, 14 YEARS AND OVER MUST PAY A RACE REGISTRATION FEE TO PARTICIPATE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: T-SHIRT, COLOR PACKET, FINISHER’S MEDAL AND RACE BIB.

PACKET PICK-UP WILL BE SEPTEMBER 15-16 AT FITNESS COMPLEX FROM 0800-1700.

YOUTH, 13 YEARS AND UNDER, ARE FREE OF CHARGE BUT WILL NOT RECEIVE A RACE PACKET OR FINISHER’S MEDAL. THEY ARE ABLE TO PAY REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE RACE PACKET.

NAVYMWRKINGSBAY.COM
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! While the impact of COVID-19 appears to have diminished, at least for the moment, 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. Keep in mind, you may need to adjust any preparedness actions based on the latest COVID-19 health and safety guidelines from the CDC and your local officials. For more COVID-19 updates visit www.cdc.gov.

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.
# 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

## First Aid
- First Aid Manual
- Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- Sterile gauze pads
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- Triangular bandages
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Sewing needle
- Moistened towelettes
- 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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](http://FloridaDisaster.org)
Got questions?
The School Liaison has answers!

If you are relocating to the NSB Kings Bay area, you need look no further than the 2022—2023 Kings Bay Education Handbook.

Designed to answer most of the basic educational questions military parents have about the local area, this handbook is filled with details about local educational resources and programs.

Visit the School Liaison Officer webpage at www.navymwrkingsbay.com. Click ‘Child and Youth Programs’ tab to find SLO page.

RESOURCES GALORE

Camden County School System
Georgia Department of Education
Florida Department of Education
Military OneSource
Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)
Transition Information
Military Kids Connect (Great for teens!)

www.camden.k12.ga.us
www.gadoe.org
www.fl DOE.org
www.militaryonesource.org
www.militarychild.org
www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu
http://militarykidsconnect.dcoemil