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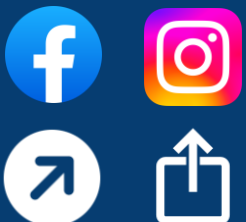
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JULY 3 ★ 4 P.M. - 10 P.M. ★ IRON HORSE PARK



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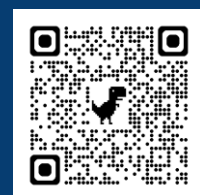


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FORGE

THE FORCE FEST

Presented by USAA

16 JULY 2026

0800-1600

PETERSON SFB

**0830 | Opening Remarks provided by
MG. Michael Simmering**

**1500 | Closing Remarks provided
by Gen Stephen Whiting,
Followed by "Big Win" Giveaways**

BUILDING *READINESS* THROUGH *RESILIENCE*.

Forge the Force Fest: A family-friendly resiliency event uniting service members, DoW civilians, and families for a day of connection

- **6 Dynamic Keynote Speakers** driving powerful motivation
- **25+ Interactive and Educational Workshops** that build mental, social, physical, and spiritual resilience
- **75+ Helping Agencies** offering essential resources and expert guidance
- **FUN ZONE**, sponsored by AMERICAN[®] SYSTEMS video games , family activities, **FREE** food, and axe throwing

THANK YOU SPONSORS:



THANK YOU PARTNERS:



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



ROBERT IRVINE

World-class chef, author, entrepreneur, and philanthropic supporter of the military
joined by LTG Michael Linnington (retired)

ANDREW MORGAN

BG; NASA Astronaut
joined by Lt Gen Gregory Gagnon



MICHAEL SCHLITZ

Wounded Warrior; Retired Sergeant First Class

ROGER TOWBERMAN

First Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force, highest enlisted level leadership



ELLIOTT YAMIN

American Idol Season 5 Finalist

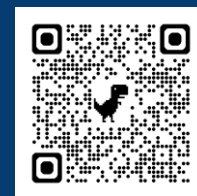
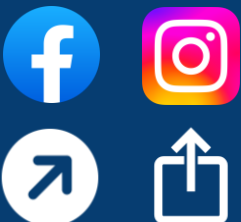
OBBIE WEST

Spoken Word poet, advocate, and author



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Give Blood for a Chance to Win a Car!

Time to rev up the excitement for helping patients this summer. Donate **July 9 – Aug. 8** for a chance to **win a car**. You could be the lucky donor randomly selected as the winner of up to **\$30,000 toward the purchase of a new ride!*** Find details at vitalant.org/CarGiveaway.

Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call **877-25-VITAL**

Use blood drive code: **100561295**

AFBSn-Carson Blood Drive

Location: 2400 O'Connell Blvd Building 8000

Date: Tuesday July 14, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Website: On www.vitalant.org using Blood Drive Code: 100561295
Telephone: 877-258-4825 and use Blood Drive Code: 100561295



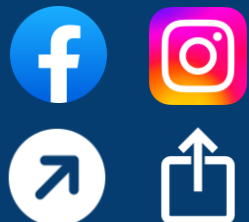
**Terms and condition apply; see vitalant.org/CarGiveaway.*

877-25-VITAL | vitalant.org
Because of you, life doesn't stop

vitalant. 



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FORT CARSON EDUCATION FAIR

Hosted by Fort Carson Education Center

Explore Your *Educational & Career Opportunities!*

- ✓ Colleges & Universities
- ✓ Army Education Services (ACES)
- ✓ Tuition Assistance & Credentialing
- ✓ Career Counseling & Resources

Who Should Attend:

- 🪖 Active Duty Soldiers
- 🪖 Spouses
- 🪖 Veterans
- 🪖 Civilians & Family Members



📍 Fort Carson Education Center
1675 Long St., Bldg 1117

🕒 **Date: July 15, 2026**

🕒 **Time: 1000-1500**

🕒 **Education Center Hours:**
Mon–Fri: 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM



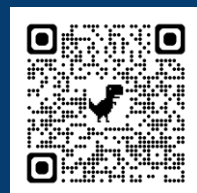
Call: (719) 526-2124

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES & LOCATIONS



Fort Carson

600 Chiles Ave., Fort Carson

11 July 2026 | 10:00AM - 11:30AM



Fort Carson Prussman Chapel

BLDG 1850, Fort Carson

02, 09, 16, 23, 30 July 2026

Thursdays | 5:30PM - 6:30PM



Norris Penrose Event Center Upper Lot

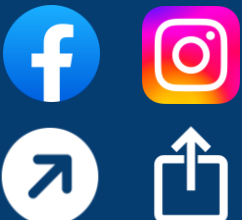
1125 W. Moreno St.

10 July 2026 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

24 July 2026 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

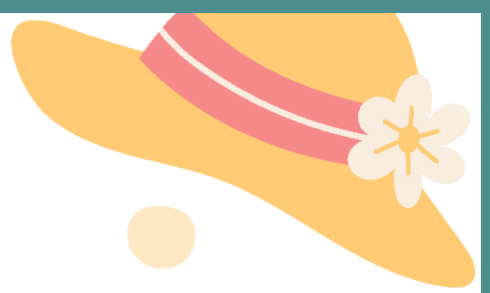


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2026

FREE SUMMER MEALS

MESA ELEMENTARY

JUNE 8 - JULY 2* (M-F)

PATRIOT ELEMENTARY
AND

FOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

JUNE 8 - JULY 10* (M-F)

TIMES

BREAKFAST:
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.

LUNCH:
11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

***NO MEALS ON
JUNE 19 & JULY 3
(DISTRICT
HOLIDAYS)**

**THIS
INSTITUTION IS
AN EQUAL
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Prussman Chapel
FOOD PANTRY

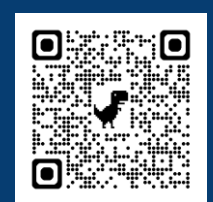
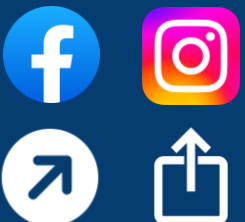
Every Thursday, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
 Building 1850, Prussman Blvd
 Fort Carson, CO

For more information, please email prussmanchapel@gmail.com



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Discover, create, and explore with Blue Star Museums!



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
and BLUE STAR FAMILIES present
arts.gov/bluestarmuseums
BLUE STAR MUSEUMS

**Free admission to nearly 2,000 museums now through Labor Day!
Just show your Military ID!**

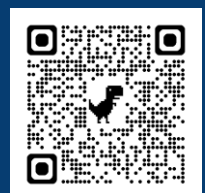
Free admission for ID holder and up to 5 family members per visit

American Numismatic Association
Buell Children's Museum
Colorado Railroad Museum
Denver Art Museum

Fiske Planetarium
History Colorado Center
MCA Denver
And More!



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DRONE & AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS



Learn more about the emerging market for skills in autonomous systems, including industry trends, education and training pathways, and implications for the military and modern battlefield.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

KEYNOTE SESSIONS
QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

SPEAKERS:

DR. JUSTIN BAUMGARTNER

ERAU FACULTY

22 JULY 2026

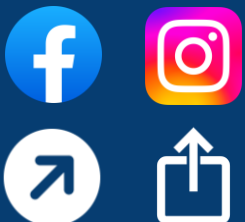
FROM 11 AM - 1 PM | AT FORT CARSON
EDUCATION CENTER, 1675 LONG ST.,
BLDG 1117, IN THE EVENT ROOM

REGISTER TODAY



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FREE PRESCHOOL ON FT. CARSON!



Who Do We Serve?

- Children from birth to 5 years old
- Expecting parents

What Do We Offer?

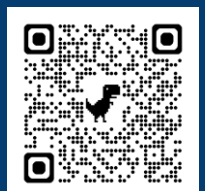
- FREE preschool Mon-Thurs
- Full and half-day options
- Quality education and resources

How Do I Qualify?

- Can qualify through income (BAH not included)
- No employment requirements for qualification
- Please call to learn more about additional ways to qualify



RESOURCES





FREE SERVICE

AVAILABLE NOW!

NEW on-demand microtransit service, making it easy to travel around Fort Carson and connect to two convenient off-post locations.

Download the app: "Ride Fountain Transit"

Request your ride!

Track your vehicle and receive trip updates



Microtransit service provided by City of Fountain



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Volunteers Needed

for Freedom Fest

Join Us!

Volunteer with us for Freedom Fest!

Be part of history - celebrate America's 250th birthday!

DFMWR and ACS are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support our Independence Day community celebration at Ironhorse Park on July 3rd. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt!

1. SEARCH for the "ACS Special Events" position at the link and APPLY.

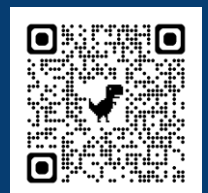
<https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/volunteer/opportunities>

2. EMAIL Kristen.M.Kea.civ@army.mil to express your interest. We have several key roles available:
 - Event Runner (1): Assist the production team and performers. (0800-1600)
 - Parking Detail (4): Help manage guest parking and assist with event tear-down. (1400-2200)
 - Bouncy House Support (2): Ensure a fun and safe experience for kids. (1500-2200)



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SUMMER READING Program

June 2 to August 1

How it Works:

1. Sign Up: Register or log in online or via the Beanstack mobile app. Select Grant Library. Pro-tip: You can link multiple readers in your household to one account for easy tracking!
2. Track Your Time: Log your reading minutes daily. Audiobooks count, too! If you miss a day, don't worry—you can back-log your reading for up to 90 days.
3. Get Your Prizes: Trade your reading minutes for points, then use your points to shop for awesome prizes at our Summer Reading Store!



Grant Library

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719-526-2350

<https://carson.armymwr.com/GrantLibrary>



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JUNE 2026

Summer Program Schedule



week 1

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 PLANT ART 10:30 a.m.	3 LEGO GARDEN CLUB 10:30 a.m.	4 STORYTIME W/ A CRAFT 10:30a.m.	5 PLANT SCIENCE 10:30 a.m.	6 ELLIS OUTDOOR POOL 11:00 a.m.

week 2

9 PLANT ART 10:30 a.m.	10 LEGO GARDEN CLUB 10:30 a.m.	11 STORYTIME W/ A CRAFT 10:30a.m.	12 PLANT SCIENCE 10:30 a.m.	13 IVY GYM: ROCK CLIMBING 10:30 a.m.
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week 3

16 PLANT ART 10:30 a.m.	17 ARMY's 250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION/ 2.50 MILE RUN 1100 - 1500	18 STORYTIME W/ A CRAFT 10:30a.m.	19 CLOSED	20 IVY GYM: BASKETBALL 10:30 a.m.
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week 4

23 PLANT ART 10:30 a.m.	24 LEGO GARDEN CLUB 10:30 a.m.	25 STORYTIME W/ A CRAFT 10:30a.m.	26 PLANT SCIENCE 10:30 a.m.	27 IVY TRACK FIELD: BEE AND FLOWER FLAG TAG 10:30 a.m.
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JULY 2026

Summer Program Schedule



week 5

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 NO PROGRAMS	1 NO PROGRAMS	2 NO PROGRAMS	3 CLOSED FOR FREEDOM FEST: 4PM- 10PM	4 CLOSED

week 6

7 PLANT ART 10:30 a.m.	8 LEGO GARDEN CLUB 10:30 a.m.	9 STORYTIME W/ A CRAFT 10:30a.m.	10 PLANT SCIENCE 10:30 a.m.	11 Thunder Alley Bowling Center: 11:00 a.m.
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week 7

14 PLANT ART 10:30 a.m.	15 LEGO GARDEN CLUB 10:30 a.m.	16 STORYTIME W/ A CRAFT 10:30a.m.	17 PLANT SCIENCE 10:30 a.m.	18 Ellis Outdoor Pool: 11:00 am
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week 8

21 PLANT ART 10:30 a.m.	22 LEGO GARDEN CLUB 10:30 a.m.	23 STORYTIME W/ A CRAFT 10:30a.m.	24 PLANT SCIENCE 10:30 a.m.	25 Ivy Gym: Rock Climbing/ Racquetball: 10:30am
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week 9

28 PLANT ART 10:30 a.m.	29 LEGO GARDEN CLUB 10:30 a.m.	30 STORYTIME W/ A CRAFT 10:30a.m.	31 PLANT SCIENCE 10:30 a.m.	1 Ellis Outdoor Pool: Splash and Dash Back to School 1100-1330
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UNITED STATES ARMY
CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

US ARMY GARRISON FORT CARSON

CURRENTLY HIRING

CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM
ASSISTANTS AND LEADS

CYS COMPETITIVE STARTING PAY

**NEW
BENEFIT**

Now offering 100% discount on childcare for the first child,
25% Discount for each additional child

****Subject to approval annually****

BENEFITS

- Insurance coverage for full-time & part-time employees
- Paid leave for full-time & part-time employees
- Paid parental leave (restrictions apply)
- Retirement options and 401K savings plan
- Easy lateral transfers using the Army NAF CEAT program
- Access to Fort Carson Commissary
- * Certain benefits are subject to CYS Employees only

SCAN CODE



More Events and Info at
carson.armymwr.com



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Elkhorn Catering/Conference Center
1725 Woodfill Rd., Bldg. 7300
Fort Carson, CO 80913

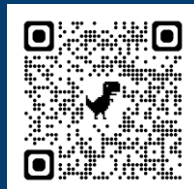
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work, live, train, and thrive!"



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ACS New Parent Support Program

NURTURING PARENT ACCELERATED 4 WEEK CLASS

This Nurturing Parent class teaches parents with children ages 0-12 how to be nurturing to their children and themselves.

Topics Include



- ★ Communication with your child
- ★ Behavior management
- ★ How to build self esteem
- ★ and more.....

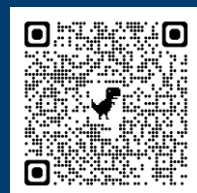
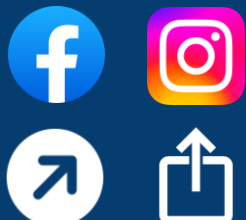


*childcare will not be provided



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FATHERING FOR LIFE

- Understanding Child Development
- Improve Communication
- Manage Stress
- Planning for Future

WEDNESDAYS JUN 17 - SEP 23

1530-1700 HOURS

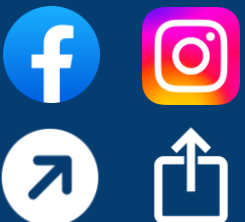
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For more information or to register:
719-526-0461



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Join Grant Library for

STORYTIME

Thursdays

10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

Join us for engaging stories, lively songs, and a fun-filled craft project that will spark your little one's creativity.

This program is perfect for all ages, and no registration is needed.

Just bring your little one and get ready for a magical time. We can't wait to see you there!



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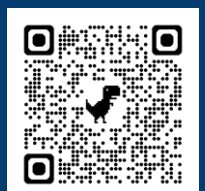
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Summer Program Opportunities

- Summer Sports Camps - dates and times vary by sport
- Summer Meals
 - June 8 - July 10 at Patriot Elementary and FMS
 - Breakfast and lunch provided free to ages 0 - 18



Hiring

- Spring is hiring season for FFC8
- Be on the lookout for job opportunities in all areas!
 - Teaching, all levels
 - Special Education - teachers and paraprofessionals
 - Bus drivers and monitors
 - And more!
- Visit www.ffc8.org/employment to get started



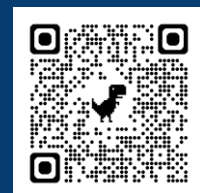
Enrollment

- Families who live out-of-district and out-of-zone and wish to attend FFC8 schools in 2026-2027 can still submit requests for enrollment - through October 1, 2026
- Request forms will be available online at www.ffc8.org/enrollment
- Note: FFC8 accepts all students within our boundary throughout the year
 - Enrollment for returning students and families living within FFC8 boundaries is open now (at the link above)

TODAY'S READY



INFORMATION



Colorado Springs Area

Nestled at the base of Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs offers families a mix of mountain adventures, military heritage, and wide-open skies. From red rock canyons to alpine lakes, nature is right outside your door.



Garden of the Gods

This iconic park is famous for its towering red sandstone formations and sweeping views of Pikes Peak. Families can hike, bike, or join guided nature walks while spotting mule deer and birds. It's a breathtaking backdrop for outdoor play and family photos.

Pikes Peak

Rising above the city at over 14,000 feet, Pikes Peak is a must-see. Families can drive, hike, or ride the cog railway to the summit for panoramic views stretching for miles. Along the way, enjoy alpine forests, picnic spots, and the thrill of being on top of the world.



Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

Just west of Colorado Springs, this monument preserves ancient giant redwood stumps and thousands of fossils. Families can explore easy trails, learn about prehistoric ecosystems, and connect with Colorado's deep natural history in a hands-on way.

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve

Just a few hours south of Colorado Springs, the tallest sand dunes in North America rise dramatically against snowcapped peaks. Families can sled down sandy slopes, splash in Medano Creek during spring and summer, and hike into alpine forests nearby. It's a one-of-a-kind playground where desert, mountains, and sky all meet.



20-90 MINUTES
a day in nature is most beneficial for mental health
Mayo Clinic

Take a mindful minute:
Go outside and take your shoes off. Stand in the grass and notice the sensations around you. Breathe deep and let yourself be fully present.



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