

OF NOTE

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BLOOD DRIVE

United Blood Services, 768-1408, holds blood drives on Kirtland AFB at Sandia National Laboratories every **Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

BRIEFINGS

Martha Cushing from the Social Security Administration will be offering a free Social Security Benefits presentation for Kirtland AFB civilians on Sept. 27, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. The presentation is in Conference Room 120 of the Consolidated Support Building 20245. To secure a confirmation for attendance, personnel should email Geraldine.Lujan@kirtland.af.mil. Nominees will be notified of selection and enrollment.

CLOSURES

The 377th Medical Group and its Clinic and Satellite pharmacies are closed Sept. 24, 11 a.m., for an official function. If you feel you have an urgent need to be seen, call 846-3200, option 3. In an emergency, call 911 or go to the emergency room.

EDUCATION

The Base Education Center offers the Scholastic Aptitude Test, Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m., in Room 116 B. The test is open to military only and is free if not previously funded by the military. Register in person to pick up your registration bulletin and sample test. Call 846-9933 or 846-8955.

The Learning Resource Center (Room C-12) is looking for donations of used textbooks. The books will be used to enhance the Learning Resource Center by making it a reference library for people wishing to take CLEP tests and for students needing reference materials for term papers or their personal continuing education programs. Donations can be left in rooms C-12 or C-20 in the 377th Air Base Wing Headquarters Building 20604. Call 846-1920 or 846-1748 for information.

Kirtland AFB Home School Group meets Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m. The group provides support for parents by scheduling activities that allow building of relationships among home schooling families. Call Pam Garrett at 255-2295 or Mike Walti at Family Advocacy.

FINANCE

Travel Voucher Form DD Form 1351-2 has been revised. Finance no longer accepts the obsolete version. Civilians now must use split disbursement and provide a dollar amount on the travel voucher DD Form 1351-2. Call 2nd Lt. Chris Collins at 853-1807 or e-mail christopher.collins@kirtland.af.mil.

HEALTH

Tobacco cessation classes are offered at the Health and Wellness Center, adjacent to the East Fitness Center. The sessions last 5-6 weeks and involve group discussions about addiction, behavior and stress management, fitness, nutrition and relapse prevention techniques. Classes are Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call 846-1186.

HEART LINK

Heart Link Spouse Orientation (formally called Military Spouse Basic Training) is Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 120 of the Consolidated Support Building. The program for spouses new to the military provides information regarding spouses need to know regarding life in the military; including benefits, resources and a dictionary to acronyms. Call 846-0741 to register.

LEISURE

The Chapel Young Adults are planning a camping trip to the Grand Canyon, Sept. 24-26. Cost is \$30. All camping gear and food are provided. Call Circe Olson Woessner, 846-1748.

Manzano Archery Club invites new members to its eight practice shooting lanes, 14-target field course and picnic area. Membership is \$30 annually. The range is open year-round. Call Dewey Reed, 883-2818.

MEETINGS

Members Financial Services at Kirtland Federal Credit Union has a free Meet Your Investment Goals with Mutual Funds Workshop, Sept. 21 at noon and 6 p.m. in the Kirtland Federal Credit Union Education Center Room A. Call 254-4384.

Cub Scout Pack 460, meeting at Sandia Base Elementary School, is open to all boys in grades 1-5. Cubs don't have to attend Sandia Base Elementary School to join the pack. Call Cub master Jimmy Sneddon at 846-1113 or Dave Adair at 845-5348.

The Kirtland 5/6 Advisory Council for all technical and staff sergeants assigned at Kirtland AFB meets at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Thunderbird Inn Dining Facility. Register for a one-year membership for \$10 and receive a free 5/6 Advisory Council coin. Call Tech. Sgt. Robert Smead at 846-6351 or Staff Sgt. Cynthia Blackwood at 846-2367.

ODDS/ENDS

Fair Labor Standards Act went into effect Aug. 23. These changes will not affect federal civilian employees. The criteria for determining FLSA eligibility for federal employees has not changed. The Office of Personnel Management has given no indication that FLSA law or regulations covering federal employees will be changed. Call 846-9810 for more information.

Worship services return to the Chapel. Catholic, Saturday Mass is 5 p.m., Sunday Mass is 9:45 a.m. **Protestant** traditional Sunday worship is 8:15 a.m. and Sunday contemporary worship is 11:15 a.m. Protestant and Catholic education programs are in the Chapel, following worship times, beginning **Sept. 19**. Protestant is at 9:45 a.m. Catholic is at 11:15 a.m. Call 846-5691.

Walk-in legal assistance hours on Wednesday have changed to 2-3 p.m. Monday hours remain 8-9 a.m. Call the Kirtland Legal office at 846-4217.

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Teachers for Mothers of Preschoolers meetings are needed to work the second and fourth Tuesdays each month in the Chapel. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-noon. The salary is \$20 for each session. Call Shawn Howard, 232-0723.

Civilian employees may donate annual leave to employees through the Leave Transfer Program by forwarding OPM Form 630-A to 377 MSS/DPCL or faxing it to DPCL at 853-1514. The form can be found online at www.opm.gov/forms/html/opm.asp. If you have any questions on these matters or if you know of someone who might require donated leave, contact Alfreda Lyons Fain in Employee and Labor-Management Relations, 846-8953.

The Airman Leadership School graduation ceremony for Class 04-F and lunch is **Sept. 24**, 11:30 a.m., at the Mountain View Club. Tickets for \$8.50 a person can be purchased **through today** from students or by e mailing 377MSS.DPN@kirtland.af.mil.

Community Night at the Chapel is every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the annex. Attendees will be served dinner, followed by the opportunity to study religious doctrine with chaplains.

Hispanic Heritage Month Retreat at Hardin Field is Sept. 22, 4 p.m.
Hispanic Heritage Month Reveille at Hardin Field is Sept. 23, 7 a.m.
For more information call 1st Lt. Jose Mendez at 846-4637.

TRAINING

Suicide Prevention and Violence Awareness training is Oct. 14 and Dec. 8, 7:15 a.m., 12 and 3 p.m., in the Theater. Certificate of attendance must be signed and stamped for proof of attendance.

VOLUNTEERS

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central New Mexico seeks caring, responsible adults to spend one hour each week with a child, helping with school homework, playing games, reading books and getting to know each other. To learn more about our programs and how you can get involved, please call 837-9223 or visit the Web site at www.bbbs-cnm.org.

The Storehouse, which provides emergency food and clothing to working poor, unemployed, and homeless people, needs many volunteers. The volunteers will work in the afternoons, helping to fill food boxes for people who are homebound. Call 842-6491.

TEAM KIRTLAND volunteers are needed during the 2004 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Oct. 1-10. Volunteers will be at the Gibson gate during hot air balloon flights to escort chase crews onto Kirtland AFB in the event that a balloon lands inside the installation. To sign up or obtain more information please contact 2nd Lt. Peter Howard at 846-0068.

