

Parent Participation Program

This program lets parents share their unique talents and abilities as they volunteer in regularly scheduled programs. While participating in meaningful activities, parents not only support military children and the CYS events they love - they also earn a break on their child care fees.

Just 10 hours of parent participation gets you a 10 percent discount on one month's fee per child. Contact your installation's Parent Central Services office or CYS Program Director to learn more.

Here are some of the ways you can earn Parent Participation Points:

- Assist with planning or conducting Month of the Military Child (MOMC) events
- Help with seasonal parties or community events, functions or productions
- Participate in programs and activities of your local FCC Home, CDC, SAC or MST facility
- Share a special talent or hobby, like gardening, music, dance, digital arts or photography
- Develop a parent library and gather parent resources
- Take photos for special activities
- Attend Parent Advisory Meetings
- Volunteer at special events like Spring Fling
- Attend parent education classes, or train or conduct a parent education session
- Conduct a parent survey to gather parent participation ideas

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM:

How much time do I have to spend in a program to earn a point?
You'll accrue participation in half-hour increments and log it on the Parent Participation sign-in sheet; however, participation will be recorded by the hour.

How many hours do I have to volunteer to receive the discount?
You can accumulate participation points month to month. Once you've got 10 points, you can get a 10 percent reduction on one month's fee for one child.

I earned 20 points this month, and I have two kids. May I use 10 points for each?
Yes. If you've earned 20 points, you may apply the 10 percent fee reduction for one child over two months, or for two children during the same month.

Do I need to have a background check to be able to volunteer?
Parents who participate in the program are considered intermittent volunteers and don't need a background check; however, parents must sign the gratuitous service agreement.

I have another child but I want to volunteer. Do I receive childcare while I am volunteering?
Parents will not receive free childcare while they're participating in a classroom or program activities for an enrolled child. Parents who require childcare should make arrangements to use Hourly Care.

