



SOMK Team Application Form

Return application to: Jermaine Kennedy, State 4-H Office,
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Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ County _____

Grade in School _____ E-Mail Address _____

Shirt Size: (circle one) Adult Child (circle one) S M L XL

(Check all that apply)

I have a family member who is in the military ___ (please mark) ___ Mother ___ Father ___ Other

I am a 4-H Member ___

How did you heard about the SOMK Team? _____

If you have a parent in the military please answer the following questions.

Parent's Branch of Service: ___ Army ___ Air Force ___ Coast Guard ___ Marines ___ Navy

Parent's Military Status: ___ Active Duty ___ National Guard ___ Reserves

Please briefly answer the following three questions:

1. Briefly tell why you would like to be on the SOMK Team.

2. Please give one idea on what you would like to organize and/or participate in as a member of the SOMK Team.

3. The SOMK Team has access to a mobile technology lab that consists of 15 laptop computers, two printers, networking capability, headsets, video recorder, digital camera, laminator, DVD burner, and scanner. Do you enjoy working with this technology? If yes, what parts would you use and what would you do with it?

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Speak Out For Military Kids Team Member Responsibilities

Operation: Military Kids (OMK) is a national program involving 44 states; Ohio became involved with the program in 2005. OMK works to provide youth from military families positive ways to cope with the stress of having a parent in the military, especially during times of deployment. Speak Out For Military Kids (S.O.M.K) is a youth based OMK initiative that seeks to inform others what it is like to be a military kid. Youth from military and non-military families come together to form a team of advocates who “Speak Out” for military kids.

Becoming a member of the S.O.M.K. team is a great honor. Throughout their tenure as an active and graduate S.O.M.K. team members have the responsibility of maintaining high standards of excellence. Teens that are extended an invitation to join the S.O.M.K. team and accept are expected to meet the Standards of Excellence and complete the following during their one year active term:

- Develop knowledge, attitudes skills & aspirations related to:
 - Leadership
 - Citizenship & Service
 - Communications & Public relations
 - Technologyand use these skills to raise awareness to the larger community on issues and needs of military families.

To be considered for an S.O.M.K. Team Member Position you must:

- Participate in the Ohio S.O.M.K. Orientation and Training Program October 3-4th.
- Take part in five additional weekend retreats and planning meetings:
 - January 10, 2009-Planning Meeting
 - April 3-5th-Weekend Retreat in conjunction with the Ohio National Guard Family Readiness Conference
 - July-Date To Be Determined-Planning Meeting
 - September-Date To Be Determined-S.O.M.K. Graduation and new team member orientation.
- Complete at least five S.O.M.K. activities throughout the year.
- Accomplish at least three personal goals identified during orientation.
- Serve as volunteers at various OMK related events throughout the year.
 - Roles at these events may include:
 - Emceeing, presenting, set-up, and other roles as needed.

If you are unable to attend these events and fulfill the other S.O.M.K. team member requirements we will be unable to select you for a position this year.

For any questions on S.O.M.K. contact:
Jermaine Kennedy, OMK Coordinator at 614-292-3578
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<http://operationmilitarykids.ohio4h.org>

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