



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?

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 a 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:

- Complete at least three S.O.M.K. activities throughout the year.
- Accomplish at least three personal goals as it relates to leadership.
- Serve as volunteers at various OMK related events throughout the year.
 - Roles at these events may include:
 - Emceeing, presenting, set-up display boards, serving as a group leader to youth and other roles as needed.

For any questions on S.O.M.K. contact:
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