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# *Youth Newcomer's Orientation*

**HOLLOMAN AFB  
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## **Living at Holloman AFB – What’s it really like**

Holloman AFB has a lot of leisure-time facilities and equipment to meet your social and recreational needs. Here at Holloman we have a skate park, Movie Theater, Fitness Center and a rock climbing wall located at the Outdoor Recreation facility. Let’s not forget the Youth and Teen Center. It’s the friendliest place on earth. Holloman is located between the Sacramento and San Andreas mountain ranges.

The area surrounding the base is one reason New Mexico was named "The Land of Enchantment." There is an abundance of year-round outdoor activities for families and singles alike. Members and families can picnic and stroll in the coolness of lush green alpine forests or explore for cacti specimens across great expanses of Painted Desert. Some of the most popular tourist attractions in the Southwest are nearby. Hiking among great mountains with magnificent panoramas is close enough for a day-trip and various ski slopes, for the amateur as well as the most advanced skier, are also available nearby.

## **Youth and Teen Programs**

The Youth and Teen Center provide a year-round school age program, sports, social, cultural and outdoor activities. The staff supervises activities. Parents and other members of the base community are encouraged to serve as volunteers. Youth and Teen Center membership entitles children to participate in schedule programs including dances, birthday night, contests, food nights, trips and other teen, teen councils and tournaments. Members are also entitles to reduce fees for Sports Programs.

The Youth and Teen Center is affiliated with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the 4-H youth development program. The Boys & Girls Clubs offer club programs and services that promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow – all while having fun. While participating in the 4-H youth development program you are provided opportunities to learn life skills, gain knowledge while having fun, and make contributions in such areas as environmental education, community service, and current youth issues.

## **Military Youth of the Year**

Military Youth of the Year is BGCA’s premier youth recognition program for Club members. All members can benefit from participation in this program, which promotes and celebrates service to Club, community and family; academic performance; moral character; life goals; and poise and public speaking ability. Youth of the Year winners on the organizational, state, regional and national level receive a scholarship to a college/university of their choice.

## **Triple Play**

Triple Play - Healthy Habits emphasizes good nutrition, regular physical activity and improving overall well-being. The program, for ages 6 to 18, is the “Mind” component of Triple Play: A Game Plan for the Mind, Body and Soul.

## **Keystone Club**

Keystoning is the Boys & Girls Club Movement’s most dynamic teen program. It affords teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. They conduct activities in three areas: academic success, career exploration and community service.

## **Torch Clubs**

Torch Clubs are charter small-group leadership and service clubs for boys and girls ages 11-13. A Torch Club is a powerful vehicle through which Club staff can help meet the special character development needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their development. Torch Club members learn to elect officers and work together to implement activities in four areas: service to Club and community, education, health and fitness and social recreation. The Staples National Torch Club Awards are presented annually to Torch Clubs with outstanding program and activities in the four areas.

## **Youth Sports**

Seasonal Sports Programs for Youth. Soccer, Tee Ball, Coach Pitch Minor/Major League Baseball, Basketball, Summer Mini Clinics. Registration fee required for each sport. Annual Sports Physical or medical evaluation required.

## **Places to hang out....**

### **Desert Lanes Bowling Center (575) 5727378**

The Holloman AFB Desert Lanes Bowling Center is a modern, 24-lane Brunswick bowling center equipped with computerized scoring machines. All lanes are USBC sanctioned. League play goes on throughout the week, day and night. The center includes a snack bar with a wide variety of hot and cold sandwiches, snacks and pizza. The center also features an air-conditioned, sound proof bar and classic video games.

### **Ahrens Memorial Library (575) 572-3939**

The Ahrens Memorial Library offers Pre-School Story Time, Beginning Computer Classes and Rosetta Stone. The library also offers an on-line program where you can reserve a book or just stop by to read one of their many books.

### **Apache Mesa Golf Course (575) 572-3574**

Apache Mesa offers a nine hole golf course, a pro shop and golf lessons.

### **Apache Sports Range (575) 572-7398**

Boasts Skeet and Trap, 3D archery, Walking Archery and Paintball ranges

### **Arts & Crafts Facility (575) 572-4488**

The Holloman AFB Arts and Crafts Center houses a Ceramic Shop, Wood Shop, Engraving & Trophy Shop.

They also offer Instructional Programs. The current programs available are clay flower making, ceramics, horse hair pottery, framing, sewing, quilting, youth art classes (all levels), crocheting, knitting, scrap booking, card making and card embellishing, beginning wood working, painting and torn vase class

### **Outdoor Recreation (575) 572-5369**

The Holloman AFB's Outdoor Recreation offers High Adventure activities such as White Water Rafting, Hiking, Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking, Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Water skiing and Snow Skiing. Also available are retail store for camping supplies and more. Membership entitles children to participate in schedule programs including dances, birthday night, contests, food nights, trips and other teen, teen councils and tournaments. Members are also entitled to reduce fees for Sports Programs.

### **Fitness Center (575) 572-3229**

The Holloman AFB Fitness and Sports Center offers Team Holloman members a wide range of individual and team sports; Racquetball, Squash, Basketball, Football, Tennis and Slow Pitch Softball. Fitness Center also offers Cardio Equipment (i.e. treadmills, stairmills crosstrainers, steppers, upright and recumbent bikes and tread climbers). We have two complete Circuit Sets (Strive 1 2 3 and Body Master) and Hammer Strength and Body Master Free Weight room. Heated indoor pool, saunas are available in both locker rooms. Aerobics and Cycling Classes are available. Individuals may hire a Personal Training

### **Whispering Sands Community Center**

The community center has Ballroom for large events with stage, lighting and sound systems, a Game Room: With video games, dart boards, billiards and ping pong tables.

### **Outdoor Pool (575) 572-3639**

The Outdoor pool is open from May through August/Septmenr. The pool is open to all ID Card Holders.

### **Schools**

There are three **Alamogordo Public Schools** located at Holloman Air Force Base.

Holloman Primary (575) 812-6100: Hosts grades kindergarten through second

Holloman Intermediate (575)812-6150: Educates third through fifth graders

Holloman Middle School (575) 812-6200: Is where sixth through eighth graders go

Alamogordo High School (575)812-6500: for nine through twelve grades

### **Schools Liaison Officer (575) 572-7754**

The School Liaison Officer is Located at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Mrs. Laurie Ann Goodier is the School Liaison Officer for Holloman AFB.

### **Advanced**

College courses are available on base in a variety of academic disciplines. These courses and programs may lead to associates, bachelors or master's degrees. The following institutions are represented:

**New Mexico State University - Alamogordo**

**Park University**

**Central Texas College**

**Troy State University**

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

### **Things to Know**

#### **Alamogordo**

Alamogordo lies in the center of a vast area of scenic beauty. A variety of historical,

cultural, educational and recreational interests abound. Experience the fun of year-round sledding down the vividly white, pristine dunes of White Sands National Monument. Explore ancient petro glyphs, discover the history of the old west or lose yourself in the lush green of a huge mountain pine forest. There's always something to do in this Land of Enchantment! Holloman's host city is home to the famous New Mexico Museum of Space History and planetarium, which draws thousands of visitors annually.

In addition there is a zoo, several city and state parks, a golf course, a community theater and a small airport offering daily flights to Albuquerque and private aviation. Growth and progress describe Alamogordo and friendship is the best way to describe the relationship between the city and Holloman. Alamogordo is a pleasant community. The hospitable people give the city a small town charm and make it particularly special for Holloman residents.

It won't take you long to understand the term, "Hollomogordo." Another expression you'll hear and see here is, "The Friendliest Place on Earth." Alamogordo's historic shopping district offers a variety of quaint shops specializing in hand-crafted southwestern goods. The White Sands shopping mall is located on the northern end of Alamogordo. Throughout the year the base and city work together on many projects and celebrations aimed at making life here good for everyone. Alamogordo is popular for being "sunbird country"—a great place to retire—evidenced by the estimated 7,000 military retirees living here.

The mixture of business and professional people, technical and farm workers and, of course, the many people stationed and working at Holloman make for an exciting and pleasant tour. About 65 percent of locals are directly related to the base in some way, so the Air Force influence is inescapable. The population of Alamogordo is 36,000 and its elevation is 4,350 feet. Alamogordo—a great place to live!

### **Cloudcroft**

For over one hundred years, the Village of Cloudcroft has been a delightful place to live and play. The Village, surrounded by Lincoln National Forest, is located at 8,700 feet elevation and 16 miles east of Alamogordo, Otero County, in the Sacramento Mountains of Southern New Mexico. Annual precipitation is about 33 inches, including 7.7 feet of annual snowfall.

The full-time population is just 750 or so. In the summer months, with an average daytime temp of 72 degrees, the population rises to almost 2,000. The winter low temperature, averaging about 38 degrees, attracts many that enjoy skiing, ice skating, snow sports. Although the Village may look rustic, complete, modern services are provided.

Visit shops filled with handmade crafts, Indian jewelry and antiques or relax in a rustic cabin and dine at one of the many fine restaurants. Whether strolling through the scenery, skiing the slopes or playing golf on one of the two courses, Cloudcroft is a

year-round playground for the entire family to enjoy.

Come visit and enjoy our summer of hiking, biking, golfing or winter skiing, snow play or just to relax. But be prepared, you might want to stay. The Lodge at Cloudcroft, the oldest and largest business of its kind in town, not only provides getaway lodging, but has a restaurant open daily for fine dining.

### **Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation**

Located in the Lincoln National Forest is a 460,000-acre tract of fishing, farming and grazing land that belongs to the Mescalero Apache Indians of New Mexico. The Mescalero were among the last Native Americans to surrender arms to the United States.

Each year 15,000 Apaches gather the first week in July for four days of ceremonial dances, rodeos and the coming-of-age rites for maidens. To find the reservation, take U.S. Highway 54 north to U.S. Highway 70. Head east on U.S. Highway 70 and follow it to Mescalero.

Owned by the Mescalero, Inn of the Mountain Gods is situated high in the picturesque mountains just outside of Ruidoso. Visitors come to enjoy clean mountain air, breathtaking scenery and exciting entertainment options at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. A four-diamond resort, the inn's management calls it, "New Mexico's extraordinary resort and casino."

### **Ruidoso**

The Village of Ruidoso is the perfect place for your winter or summer R and R getaway. Nestled high in the Sacramento Mountains of Southern New Mexico, this idyllic resort community has everything from gaming and nightlife to outdoor adventure and serene relaxation.

It is virtually the year-round playground of the Southwest, only an easy hour's drive from Holloman. The weather, scenic majesty of snow-topped Sierra Blanca and lush, cool forests make this a magnificent resort area. Many businesses in Ruidoso offer discounts to military members, so ask.

During the summer, visitors flock to Ruidoso Downs to take in some of the world's richest horse races. Other fun-seekers play beautifully manicured golf courses that provide some of the most scenic backdrops in the country. Wintertime draws skiers to the slopes at Ski Apache, a favorite of America's powder enthusiasts.

Whatever your pleasure, Ruidoso offers a treasure of activities. It's high time for high ground. If you need to travel and enjoy the convenience of a small airport, Ruidoso's airport in Alto connects to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

As the country's southernmost ski area, Ski Apache, adjacent to Ruidoso, offers the best warm-weather powder skiing in the world with snowmaking on 33 percent of the



Mountain. The slopes offer a mix of wide beginner slopes, tough bump runs, a huge bowl, nice cruising runs and a terrain park named "The Bone yard" with jumps, tubes and rails. Snowboarding and other snow sports are also available. Ruidoso Downs, the next-door community, features a major horse-racing track open during the warm months.

### **White Sands National Monument**

One of the most striking landmarks in the immediate area is White Sands National Monument. Located 15 miles southwest of Alamogordo on U.S. Highway 70/82, White Sands is open every day except Christmas.

The pure white, great, wave-like dunes of gypsum cover nearly 300 square miles of desert. Lying just west of Holloman's western fence, the dunes are clearly visible from space. Enjoy picnicking, hiking, sledding on the dunes or take advantage of the monument's available programs: guided hikes and drives, full-moon night hikes, trips to the source of White Sands at Lake Lucero and evening slide shows. White Sands also hosts an annual balloon festival every September. There is a small charge for entry into the monument. For additional information, call (575) 479-6124.

### **Las Cruces**

Located approximately 60 miles southwest of Holloman, Las Cruces is the neighbor of the United States Army's White Sands Missile Range and home of New Mexico State University.

Called the "Crossroads of the Southwest," at the junction of Interstate Highways 25 and 10, Las Cruces is in south-central New Mexico's Mesilla Valley and just 45 miles from El Paso, Texas. Nestled in the fertile Mesilla Valley between the majestic Organ Mountains and the meandering Rio Grande, Las Cruces, N.M. is quickly becoming a popular southwestern destination.

Our ideal location at the crossroads of Interstate 10 and 25 brings visitors into contact with 72 holes of spectacular year-round golf, unique special events, and historic attractions such as Old Mesilla— not to mention world-class Mexican food. Las Cruces also blends a unique variety of attractions, culture, historical sites and superb year-round weather with 350 days of sunshine per year.

In addition, Las Cruces, has received several awards including rankings from Money magazine as one of the "best college towns to retire" and from AARP as one of their "dream towns" to retire. Las Cruces has also been ranked by Forbes as one of the best small metro areas for business and careers. The surrounding state and national parks offer visitors a wide array of outdoor experiences. Among these are the sounds of engines revving and tires squealing at the Mesilla Valley Raceway. Many Holloman people make the one-hour drive for major shopping malls, Sam's Club and many other major, familiar businesses. At the base of the Organ Mountains lies NASA's "Man to the Moon" Apollo site, also known as White Sands Testing Facility.

**Driving:**

If you are driving, Holloman is located on Highway 70 and is clearly marked. If you are arriving by bus, follow White Sands Boulevard which turns into Highway 70 and follow the signs to Holloman.

**Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) Jobs(575) 572-5454:**

The Non-appropriated Funds (NAF) Human Resource Program Office (HRO) provides customer service to persons looking for civilian employment in the 49th Force Support Squadron. We recruit and in-process job applications for positions ranging from custodial workers to accounting technicians. Our employees work in almost all of the services activities on Holloman such as the Officers/Enlisted Clubs, Golf Course, Bowling Center, Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Recreation and Child Development Centers. NAF employees are federal employees who are paid with locally generated revenue instead of congressionally appropriated money.

**Volunteering:****Youth Employment Skills (Y.E.S.) program**

The Youth Employment Skills (Y.E.S.) Program is an on-base volunteer program. The Y.E.S. Program offers high school students an opportunity to learn valuable work skills, "bank" dollar credits toward their post-secondary education and have a positive impact in their community

**Sponsorship Program**

The Sponsorship Program assist youth in making a successful transition from one installation to another, being prepared for and able to cope with the stressors of the move, and becoming familiar with their new home.

# Questionnaire

We are interested in knowing more about you and what you think about teen programs. Please take time to answer these questions clearly and as truthfully as you can so we can make our programs responsive to your needs. Your answers will assist in our efforts to provide quality teen programs.

1. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_  Male or  Female
2. When did you move to the local area? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you a member of your Youth Center?  Yes/ No (Why/Why not?)

## Name your Favorite:

Movie:	Music Artist/Group:
Activity:	TV Program:
Sport to Play/Watch:	Video Game System/Game:
Snack bar Food:	Magazine:
Drink:	Hobby:

	Yes	No
1. Do you wish you had more time to spend with your parents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are you ever concerned for your safety at your school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you participate in any after-school activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you plan to attend college?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you feel the abuse of drugs and or alcohol is a problem in your neighborhood or your school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you feel racial division exists in your school or center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

On a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being the most important, how important are the following in your life:

	1	2	3	4	5
Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boyfriend or Girlfriend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

All additional comments are welcome.



## Request for Pen Pal/Youth Sponsorship

So...you're moving! Are you nervous? Scared? Excited? Would you like to talk with someone your age, with similar interests about what you can expect with you arrive? Let us know. Take a few minutes to complete the information below. (insert how the information is to be sent back to the youth center).

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>	<b>Parent's Work Phone:</b>
<b>What is your approximate arrival date:</b>		

What do you like to do? Check next to any/all of the activities listed below that you like to do.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arts and Crafts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Drama</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Piano</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cooking</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Write (poetry, stories, letters)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Skate – board or blade</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Read</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Computer (games, internet, etc.)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hang out with friends and talk</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Shopping</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Movies</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Water Sports</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Team/School sports</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other:</b>	

**What type of music do you like to listen to?**

**What is your favorite movie?**

**What questions do you have about our youth center, installation name, and the surrounding community?**

I give my consent for my child's name and contact information for the purpose of participating in the (installation name) Youth Sponsorship Program.

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Date



## Youth Sponsorship Program Participant Survey

We want to ensure we have the best Youth Sponsorship Program possible. Please help us by answering the following questions.

Do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The Youth Sponsorship Program helped me learn about our community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Youth Sponsorship Program helped me make new friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I had fun while I participated in the Youth Sponsorship Program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What did you like best about the Youth Sponsorship Program?

How did the Youth Sponsorship Program help you when you moved here?

What did you not like about the Youth Sponsorship Program?

What would you change about the Youth Sponsorship Program to make it better?

Would you like to get more involved in the Youth Sponsorship Program?

Yes (Please contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 No