

OPERATION: Military Kids



Join Speak Out for Military Kids (SOMK) – a teen leadership and speakers’ bureau for civilian and military teens sponsored by Operation: Military Kids Vermont. Come together as a group to get informed about the issues confronting military kids, learn from each other, and take your message on the road around the state of Vermont.

SOMK teens will attend leadership trainings, participate in University of Vermont Extension 4-H Teen Congress on the UVM campus, create videos and public service announcements, and work as a team to get the teen message out. Why? Because every kid who has a parent in the military, is a kid who serves, too.

Want to learn more? Check out our website at: www.operationmilitarykids.org Then go to the Vermont page. Want to ask some questions?

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Want to join the SOMK team? Activities are paid for by Operation: Military Kids Vermont. We ask that kids who want to join the team agree to stick with it for one year. The activities will kick off with SOMK Training at 4-H Teen Congress, June 24-26.

Apply to SOMK by giving us your point of view. Respond to the following question in less than 500 words, but more than 300. Entries are due by Friday, May 1:

Essay Topic:

Why do people need to hear and understand teen views on service, deployment, and the impact on teens in our communities?

Entries should be double-spaced and include your name, phone number, email (if you have one), and address. You can submit your essay entry online to deborah.alden@uvm.edu or send it by mail to:

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Make your voice heard and help others to shape their message. Send us your essay and join SOMK. Team members will be notified by May 22, 2009.