



**FORT GEORGE G. MEADE
MEDIA ADVISORY**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

4550 PARADE FIELD LANE

FORT MEADE, MD 20755

www.ftmeade.army.mil

April 20, 2009

Release # 090420

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Family Fun Day
Celebrate Month of the Military Child**

EVENT: Family Fun Day

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25

WHERE: Fort Meade Pavilion, Fort Meade, Md.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: During the month of April, the Department of Defense has teamed with various partners to recognize the sacrifices and applaud the courage of military children. It is estimated that the U.S. Army has more than 900,000 military children with one or both parents having deployed multiple times.

Fort Meade is holding a free fun-filled day of activities for the entire family. Play soccer with players from the Baltimore Blast. Meet characters from popular children's television show Sesame Street and learn crime prevention from McGruff the Crime Dog. See demonstrations from K-9 Police Dogs and interesting wildlife displays.

Thirty bicycles will be given away as prizes in addition to other giveaways.

Children can try out their skills in the new skateboarding park. There will also be face painting, pony rides, a rock climbing wall and a 20-foot high airborne ride where participants will be pulled 20 feet in the air and let down like a parachute.

Hots dogs, BBQ, funnel cakes and ice cream will be available for a small fee.

In addition to Month of the Military Child, this event is being held in conjunction with Earth Day and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

DIRECTIONS: From state Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take state Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right onto Reece Road. Access procedures can be found at www.ftmeade.army.mil.

###

EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information, or if you are interested in attending this event, please contact Veronica Castro in the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office at (301) 677-1465/240-205-9065 or veronica.m.castro@us.army.mil