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## From Make a Difference Day to Oktoberfest, Fort Leonard Wood has something for everyone on Oct. 26

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Looking for something to do this weekend? Whether you are looking for family fun, community service or fall celebrations, Fort Leonard Wood has you covered. On Oct. 26, the installation is hosting several events, which include:

**Make a Difference Day.** Individuals and organizations organize community projects nationwide to celebrate the annual Make a Difference Day, a national day of community service. Local projects are scheduled to take place between 7:30 a.m. and noon; volunteers should meet at 7 a.m. at the post's Army Community Center, Building 486. Projects include mulching trees, the Armed Services YMCA, installation beautification, stream cleaning school projects and much more. At 8:30 a.m. there will be a 5K Fun Run/Walk for domestic violence awareness beginning at Bldg. 486 (Army Community Service).

**Military Kids Fit for Life.** Hollywood celebrity trainer Shawn Jenkins will lead a specially designed, action packed fitness class for children of all ages at 10 a.m at the Rec Plex, located in Bldg. 640 on Constitution Avenue. Admission is free, and participants are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing. The fitness session is a part of the Little Patriots Embraced Military Youth Celebrity Tour.

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**Jenna Rose, Youth Concert.** Fort Leonard Wood MWR and Little Patriots Embraced presents teen singing sensation, Jenna Rose, live in concert at 3 p.m. the Rec Plex. Fourteen-year-old Rose and her dancers will perform and sign autographs. Concert is free and open to the public. For more information about Rose, visit [www.jennaroseofficial.com](http://www.jennaroseofficial.com).

**Pumpkin Fest.** Fort Leonard Wood's Pumpkin Fest is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Leonard Wood Rec Plex. Family activities to include hayrides, a kid's zone, mini golf, go carts, face painting and much more. There will also be several pumpkin themed activities including a little pumpkin costume contest and parade, pumpkin seed spitting contest and a pumpkin chucking contest. Some activities will be subject to a small fee. To sign-up for contests, visit [www.fortleonardwoodmwr.com](http://www.fortleonardwoodmwr.com). For more information, call 596.6913.

**Oktoberfest.** Make your plans now for Fort Leonard Wood's Oktoberfest scheduled from 3 to 10 p.m. at the Pershing Community Center. Enjoy traditional German food, music, games and activities and of course the beiergarten. For more information, call 596-0131 ext. 66913. Cost for the buffet is \$10. The event is open to the public.

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Reporters interested in covering these events are asked to contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4145 no later than 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

*About Fort Leonard Wood*

*Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.*

*Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.*

*Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.*

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