



Fort Jackson
Youth
Information Packet

New to Fort Jackson?
Learn everything there is to know about the area, the
schools,
and fun places to go!
We can't wait to meet you!

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SCHOOLS

School...you love it sometimes and hate it others...

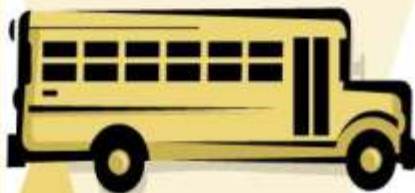
but you gotta do it anyway!

Fort Jackson has three on-post elementary schools.

Pierce Terrace Elementary School—
Pre-K thru First Grade

Hood Street Elementary School—
2nd thru 3rd grade

C.C. Pinckney Elementary School—
4th thru 6th Grade



For middle school and high school, you'll have to go off the installation. The school district Fort Jackson is connected with is Richland School District Two.

Youth living on Ft. Jackson are zoned to attend the following schools:

Dent Middle School—7th thru 8th Grade

Richland Northeast High School—9th thru 12th Grade

SCHOOLS

Thinking about college? It's not that far away!



South Carolina is home to a vast array of colleges.

These are just a few:

University of South Carolina—
Columbia, Aiken, Beaufort, Lancaster, Sumter, Union

Coastal Carolina—Conway

Benedict College—Columbia

South Carolina State College—Orangeburg

College of Charleston—Charleston

Clemson University—Clemson

Francis Marion College—Florence

Converse College—Spartanburg

Presbyterian College—Clinton

The Citadel—Charleston

Midlands Technical College—Columbia

Greenville Technical College—Greenville

Aiken Technical College—Aiken

Winthrop University—Rock Hill

Furman University—Greenville

Newberry College—Newberry

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Daniel Circle Chapel is located on Jackson Blvd. across from Darby field. Protestant services are at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Youth services are also offered every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Call Daniel Circle Chapel at 751-7094 for information.

Main Post Chapel is located at the corner of Strom Thurmond Blvd. and Scales Ave. and offers Catholic services including Bible study, Sunday school, and Catholic Youth of the Chapel. For information, call 751-6469.

Memorial Chapel is located on Jackson Boulevard and offers Lutheran, Jewish, and Protestant services on Sundays. Lutheran services are at 8:00 a.m. followed by Jewish services at 9:30 a.m. Protestant services begin at 11:00 a.m.



LIBRARIES

Love to read? Or maybe you have the dreaded research paper for school and need access to a library? Fort Jackson has their own library — the Thomas Lee Hall Library located on the corner of Lee and Strom Thurmond Blvd. All members of the Fort Jackson community with valid ID cards may check out books and other educational materials.

The Columbia area has a number of libraries located right outside the gate of Fort Jackson.

Here is a short listing of some within 10 miles of Jackson:

Richland County Main Public Library - 608 Main St. 353-8584
Cooper Branch—5317 N. Trenholm Rd. 787-3462

Northeast Regional Branch—7490 Parkland Rd. 736-6575

Southeast Regional Branch—7421 Garners Ferry Rd. 776-0855

Sandhills Branch—1 Summit Parkway 699-9230



Can't Have The Flash Without A Little Cash!

Finding a job on Fort Jackson is easier than you might think! There are various agencies available that offer jobs to youth. So get busy and apply! A part-time or summer job can be a great resume builder for the future.

Here are just a few of the places which offer teen employment opportunities:

Commissary—offers jobs to youth 16 and older as baggers or cashiers.

AAFES- offers cashier positions and a summer hire program.



Outdoor Recreation—has many job opportunities for youth including recreation aides, lifeguard positions at Palmetto Falls Waterpark, Weston Lake, etc.

Child & Youth Services—offers teens 14 & up year-round employment opportunities. Also, check out Career Launch, a web-based career exploration program for teens, ages 13—18, which includes an interest survey, career exploration training, help locating financial aid for college, etc. Enroll Monday—Thursday before 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School House at 5955-Parker Lane or at the Youth Center Computer Lab at 5975 Chesnut Road.

Red Cross—offers Vol-teen program which helps prepare teens for the world of work.

Army Community Service Family Member Employment presents a job fair every February with representatives from both on and off-post businesses who hire teens. Call 1-803-751-5452 for more information.

SKIES...They're Over Your Head, Right?

Well...yes and no. These SKIES are not over your head, they're all around you! SKIES stands for Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills. *SKIESUnlimited* is the instructional programs initiative on Fort Jackson. We offer everything from hip-hop to martial arts to SAT preparation classes. Check out the CYS website to see the current listing of classes. Don't see what you want? Make a suggestion! The friendly folks at SKIES are open to adding new classes to our line-up based on community interest, so ...

the SKIES the limit!!!



U.S. Army
Center of Youth Services

SKIESUnlimited

Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills

SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION

Can't wait to get your license so you can see all of South Carolina there is to see. Well, slow down a little and let your engine idle while you read these regulations for new drivers in the state of South Carolina.

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE:

Military Personnel (and their dependents) and students temporarily in South Carolina are not required to obtain a South Carolina Driver's license. However, you must have a driver's license from your home state to operate in South Carolina.

BEGINNER'S PERMIT

You just turned 15...woohoo! That means you can apply for your beginner's permit. To get a Class D Beginner's Permit:

- You must be at least 15 years old.
- You must bring your birth certificate, social security card, proof of residency and insurance information.
- If you are under 18 years of age, you must bring your parent or legal guardian with you to sign your application.
- You must pass the vision and knowledge tests.

Restrictions:

- You may drive from 6 a.m. to midnight if a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old and has at least one year of driving experience accompanies you in the front seat.
- From midnight to 6 a.m., you may drive if a licensed parent or guardian accompanies you in the front seat.
- You must have your beginner's permit for 180 days before you can apply for a driver's license.

If you are under 18 years of age, you must practice driving with your licensed parent or legal guardian for at least 40 hours, including 10 hours during darkness, before you can apply for your driver's license.



MIDDLE SCHOOL & TEEN PROGRAM

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—FREE (with CYS registration fee) after school program for youth in grades 6—8 which offers after school snacks, homework assistance, computer lab, game room, PS2/Nintendo, sports/fitness activities, 4-H and Boys & Girls Club programs. Meet us at “The House”! - 5955 Parker Lane, Programs on Parker.

Youth Center—5975 Chesnut Rd. offers numerous recreational activities for youth. Catch a game of pool, pick-up basketball, or become involved in 4-H or Boys & Girls Club programs. The Youth Center has something for everyone!

CLUBS! CLUBS! AND MORE CLUBS!

Boys & Girls Club Programs

Torch Club—chartered small-group leadership and service club for boys and girls ages 11—13 focusing on character development. The club meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Middle School House at 5975 Parker Lane.

Keystone Club—chartered small-group leadership clubs for boys and girls 14—18. The club meets on every other Thursday of each Month at 7:00 p.m.



MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Youth of the Year—BGCA premier youth recognition



Vincent van Gogh

program which promotes and celebrated Club members' service to the Club, community/family, academic performance, moral character, life goals, poise, and public speaking ability. Local winners advance to the state, regional, and then national competitions.

Fine Arts Exhibit—Encourage the artist in you with this year-round arts program which encourages Club members to express themselves through drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, printmaking, etc. Artists may submit their work for exhibition at the annual Fort Jackson BGCA Fine Arts Exhibit each fall with lots of cool prizes awarded. For information, call 751-3053.

ImageMakers National Photography Program—Love to take pictures? This year-round program ends with an opportunities to exhibit your work and a chance to win some great prizes! Learn about black & white, color, digital, and alternative process photography.

4-H CLUBS

If 4-H conjures up images of blue ribbons on your pet sheep at the fair or cow milking contests, think again! 4-H has grown with the times and offers many programs for today's youth. Both the School Age Services program and the Middle School & Teen Program offer 4-H clubs throughout the school year.

For the 08- 09 School Year, the School Age Services Program will be offering the following 4-H programs for 1st—5th graders:

Shutterbugs—Photography

Smooth Crew—Performing Arts

Kitchen Talk—Cooking

Creative Corner—Arts & Crafts

Techies—computer Technology

Unstoppables—Sports & Fitness



FUN STUFF TO DO ON FORT JACKSON AND OFF

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There are actually a lot of fun and low cost things to do on Fort Jackson!

Check out this list of cool stuff...



WET AND WILD FUN

There are many ways to cool off in the blazing South Carolina sun if you like water!

Knight Indoor Pool, located on Magruder Avenue, is available for open and lap swimming as well as swimming lessons. They even offer training for lifeguards. Call 803-751-4987 for more information.

Legion Outdoor Pool is next to the Officer's Club and has two diving boards, a kid's pool, and a snack bar. Call 803-751-4796 for pool hours.

Besides the basic indoor and outdoor pools, the most outrageous addition to outdoor fun on Fort Jackson is **Palmetto Falls Water Park**. Palmetto Falls offers a fantastic collection of water attractions including a lazy river, two speed slides, two gang slides, a kid's pool, lap pool, and family pool. Call 803-751-4796 OR 3381.

THE FUN STUFF CONTINUES...

Directly behind Palmetto Falls Water Park is **Palmetto Greens Miniature Golf**. If you're looking for windmills and golf ball eating gorillas, don't bother. This state-of-the-art miniature gold course is an 18-hole replica of regulation golf's "Famous Holes." Bring your parents, because it's fun for the whole family! 803-751-4218



Maybe golf is not your thing...how about bowling? **Century Lanes** offers year

round bowling for all ages. They have a 24 lane facility

with a snack bar and separate party room. Come try out black light bowling! 803-751-6138



MORE FUN STUFF... CONTINUES...

While we're on the subject of water, just a short drive from post off Leesburg Road is **Weston Lake**, a MWR operated facility with not only a beautiful lake with a beach, but also hiking and biking trails. Plus, you can rent canoes, paddle boats, even jet skis!. There are rental cabins and campsites where you can host awesome sleepover birthday parties!

Is fishing your thing? There are several places on post to pull in the big one...Sims Lake, Heise Pond, Twin Lakes

Maybe quiet stuff like going to the movies just doesn't suit you. And the water park, although fun, is just a bit too tame for your adventurous spirit. How about **Marion**

Street Station, Ft. Jackson's Outdoor Recreation Center? Marion Street Station features a rock climbing wall and rental of all sorts of outdoor adventure stuff from kayaks to camping gear.



AND EVEN MORE FUN STUFF...

Fort Jackson is located in Columbia, South Carolina which is in a unique location because it's halfway between the mountains and the beach! In fact, you can reach either one in two hours from Columbia!

The city of Columbia has many fun places to go and cool things to see...here are just a few:

Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens—See and hear the call of the wild at the Riverbanks Zoo which houses over 2000 of the most fascinating



animals on earth. The zoo offers train and carousel rides, plus picnic areas for eating before or after your visit to the zoo.

Adventure Children's Museum — Adventure is a 65,000 square foot hands-on museum designed specifically for kids. The biggest attraction...and we do mean BIG... is Eddie, a giant 45 foot boy you can actually go inside and explore. The museum is open from 9:00—5:00 Monday thru Saturday and 12:00—5:00 on Sunday and is located in downtown Columbia on 211 Gervais Street. Call 779-3100 for information.

WAIT... TONS MORE FUN!!!

Frankie's Fun Park—THE place to go for an amazing variety of awesome fun is Frankie's Fun Park at 140 Parkridge Rd. Lazer tag. An arcade, go carts, bumper boats, miniature golf, batting cages, you name it...if it's fun, Frankie's has it! They even do birthday parties! With hours of operation from 10:00 a.m. —12:00 midnight, Monday—Saturday and 12:00 noon—12:00 midnight on Sunday, you can pack in hours of fun! Call 781-2342.



Chuck E. Cheese—Located on 1775 Burning Tree Rd., Chuck E.'s combines pizza, a show, and an arcade in one. They also do birthday parties. Call 772-0435.

The Plex—Columbia's first indoor athletic complex, the Plex is huge! Covering 86,000 square feet, the Plex offers a skateboard park, basketball and volleyball courts, lacrosse, inline hockey, birthday parties, cheerleading clinics, flag football, summer camps, and much more. The Plex is located on 741 Fashion Drive. Call 360-7300 for info.

Putt Putt Fun Center—Equipped with go carts, lazer tag, rock climbing wall, batting cages, arcade games, and of course, PUTT-PUTT!, the PuttPutt Fun Center in Columbia is packed with fun things to do for your birthday or just as a fun outing with friends or family. The Putt Fun Center is located at 105 Sparkleberry Lane. Call 462-9355 for info.

KOOKY AND AMUSING FACTS ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA

- ⇒ South Carolina was the 8th of the 13 original colonies to ratify the constitution.
- ⇒ South Carolina's state tree is the palmetto and can be seen on everything from flip flops to license plates.
- ⇒ The capital of South Carolina is Columbia. Fort Jackson is part of the city of Columbia.
- ⇒ The state flower is the Yellow Jessamine and the state bird is the Carolina Wren. The state dance is "The Shag."
- ⇒ The state snack is the boiled peanut.
- ⇒ The state drink is iced tea, the sweeter the better.
- ⇒ The state fruit is the peach.

