



*Worldwide Day of Play* is an annual event designed to encourage kids and parents to turn off the television and play, especially outdoors. The event influences kids to be active by getting their schools and educational organizations to host an event to get out and be active. The yearly event officially began on all US Nickelodeon channels: [Nickelodeon](#), [Noggin](#) (now [Nick Jr.](#)), [The N](#) (now [TeenNick](#)), and [NickToons](#) on October 2, 2004. Hundreds of schools, Boys & Girls Clubs, and after-school programs throughout the world are holding their very own World Wide Day of Play events. In recognition of World Wide Day of Play, all Nickelodeon stations will turn off all programs and go dark to deliver kids one simple message: turn off the television, get up, get out, and go play! Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) are co-sponsoring the event with Nickelodeon as part of President Obama's Year of Service Initiative whose goal is to encourage good character and an appreciation for citizenship by engaging ALL CLUB members in year-round volunteer service activity. Army CYSS is affiliated with BGCA and incorporates their programming throughout School Age Services, Youth Sports, and Middle School and Teen.

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual CYSS sponsored event for the Selfridge & Detroit Arsenal area Military and DOD families. However, this year we are inviting FMWR to join the fun to offer resources on programming and opportunities to families from all branches of service in support of the Army Family Covenant. Nancy Mitchell, CYSS Coordinator, says "Our aim is to promote family cohesiveness and the importance of physical play as part of a healthy lifestyle and family life."

The event will take place on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm at Bldg. 780 soccer fields on Selfridge ANGB. It is open to all children of active duty, guard, and reserve military and DOD Civilian Employees from any branch or service. There is no charge to attend the event and food will be made available for a nominal charge to families. There will be activities for children from infancy thru 18 years of age as well as many opportunities for families to participate together.

Attractions will include; relay races, carnival games, bounce house, inflatable slide, jousting, face painting, infant/toddler play area, arts, letters to the troops writing station, Macomb County 4-H, and children's entertainment. Also, we will have a special welcome area set up for new employees and their families that are joining us from Rock Island Arsenal. The following FMWR organizations will be represented at this year's CYSS event: ACS, Recreation, and Mulligans.

RSVP is required to attend the event as space is limited to the first 200 people. To RSVP, please fill out the WWDP registration form on FMWR Website at [www.detroitarsenalfmwr.com](http://www.detroitarsenalfmwr.com).

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