Youth Sponsorship
Youth sponsorship is a program for K – 12th grade students. At the elementary and middle school levels, many school districts have programs in place for new students transitioning mid-year. Please contact the School Liaison Officer at 847-688-2020 x465 or the Youth Director at 847-688-5573 for more information.

Volunteering
If you are interested in serving as a Youth Sponsor, please contact the School Liaison Officer at slo.navstaglakes@navy.mil for an application.

The Youth Center has many volunteer opportunities with the community. Contact the Youth Center for details. 847-688-5573

Resources for Military Youth
Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, is a program that allows eligible students (grades K-12) and service members in U.S. military families to connect to a live tutor online at any time for one-to-one help with homework, studying, test prep, proofreading and more at no cost. http://military.tutor.com/

Local Attractions
- The Field Museum 312-922-9410
- Museum of Science and Industry 773-684-1414
- Shedd Aquarium 312-939-2438
- Wrigley Field 773-404-2827
- Lincoln Park Zoo 312-742-2000
- Brookfield Zoo 708-688-8000
- Navy Pier 312-595-7437
- Six Flags Great America 847-249-1776
- Gurnee Mills Outlet Mall 800-937-7467

Fitness Centers
- Children ages 10 and up are welcome with a required orientation. Parental supervision is also required for those ages 10 – 14.
- The Fieldhouse has both indoor and outdoor basketball courts, a 1/10-mile indoor running track, a weight room, an indoor pool, locker rooms, saunas and a lounge. 847-688-3419
- The Great Lakes Fitness Center is complete, state-of-the-art health and fitness center.
- Gym 4 contains Courts Plus, the Warrior Zone, and Climbing Wall. 847-688-7769

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Great Lakes Youth Center
Phone Number: 847-688-5573
- The Youth and Teen program offers various activities for you ages 9 – 18 years old.
- Youth Programs (ages 9 – 12) are offered in the spring and summer from 5 pm – 7 pm and in the fall and winter from 5 pm – 6 pm.
- Teen Program (ages 13 – 18) are offered in the spring and summer from 3 pm – 7 pm and in the fall and winter from 3 pm – 6 pm.
- Youth Sport and Fitness offers soccer, basketball, baseball, dance, and Taekwondo.

MWR Installation Activities
- Community Recreation, 847-688-5417, encompasses recreational opportunities in the form of events, activities, trips and classes.
- The Epicenter, 847-688-4641, is an entertainment mega complex with bowling, a movie theater, amusements, and billiards.
- The Willow Glen Golf Club, 847-688-4593, is an 18-hole course for all skill levels.
- The Great Lakes Library, 847-688-4617, offers a wide selection of items for check-out, including books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines.
- The Great Lakes Marina, 847-688-5417, offers boating, sailing, sea kayaking, fishing and tent and RV camping.
- Rynish Recreation Center, 847-688-5613, offers a Fun & Fitness Zone, nine-hole, glow-in-the-dark minigolf, giant inflatables, an arcade and billiards.

Fleet and Family Support Center
The Fleet and Family Support Center is an on base social service agency whose goal is to improve the quality of life for military members and families through counseling and assistance. 888-231-0714

Education
In Illinois, you are required to live within the boundaries of the district you wish your children to attend. Please be advised that public school districts in Illinois charge registration fees. Also, public schools in IL require a medical, dental, and eye exam.
- Illinois currently uses the Common Core State Standards for Math and English. Illinois also utilizes the Next Generation Science Standards.
- The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is the state assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students enrolled in a public school district.
- IllinoisReportCard.com is an website that provides a complete view of a school, including test scores, demographic data, and survey results.
- Many schooling options are available for families residing at Great Lakes, including public schools, private schools, and homeschooling. Contact the School Liaison Officer at 847-688-2020 x465 for more information.

The Law and You
- According to NSGLINST 1754.5B, children who are younger than 12 years of age shall not be left alone in any facility onboard the installation. Children under 12 years of age shall not “babysit” other children (including siblings).
- NSGLINST 1750.1A establishes a Dependent Administrative Forum (DAF) to assist the CO of NSGL on reported misconduct by juvenile dependent family members.
- NSGLINST 5532.1B sets boundaries for off-limit areas of the installation, including the beach front area, parks, playgrounds, and outdoor recreation areas from sunset to sunrise. Lakefront slopes, ravines, and all main side housing areas are also off limits.