

AMERICA'S PROMISE

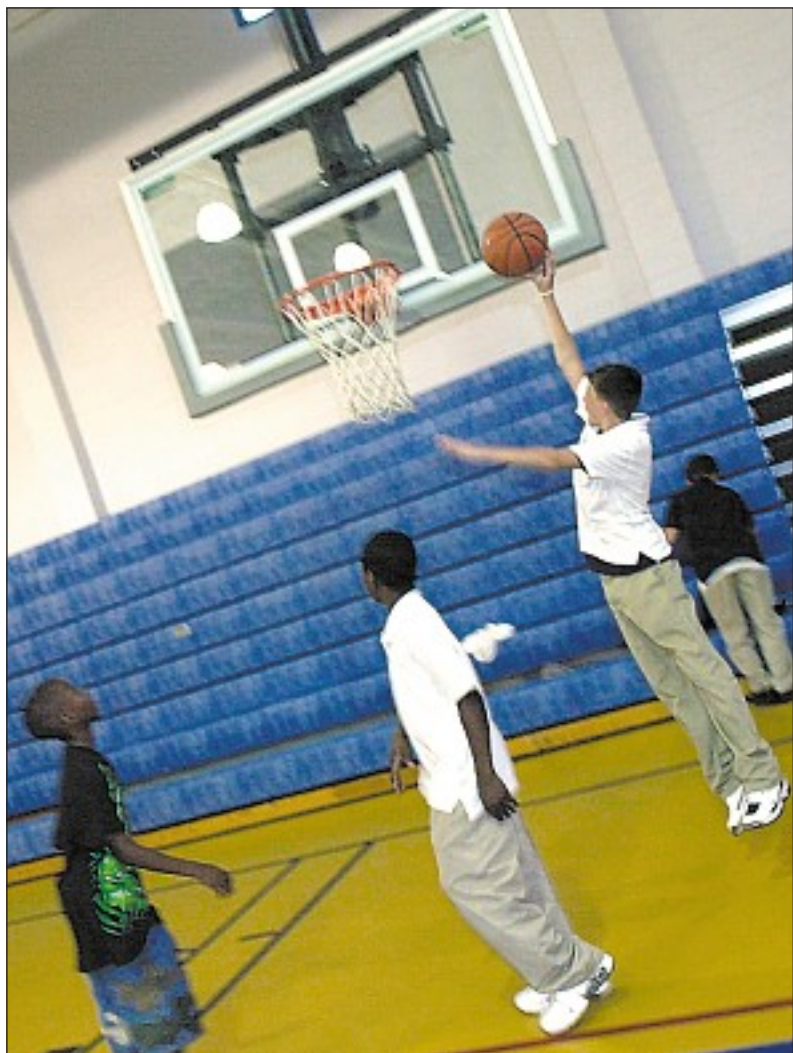


Sydne Millhouse, 9, studies science during "Power Hour" at Tolson Youth Center Sept. 28.

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Volunteers discuss plans for an upcoming event during a Keystone Club meeting at Tolson Youth Center Sept. 28.



Dyllen Bussart, 14, volunteer lays up the basketball with fellow students at Tolson Youth Center Sept. 28.

Youth give back to local community in variety of ways

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The mission of America's Promise Child and Youth Volunteer Program is to mobilize people from every sector of American life and to build the character competence of our nation's children and youth by fulfilling five promises.

Five resources have been identified under America's Promise as fundamental for young people to grow into healthy, productive adults. They include:

- An ongoing relationship with a caring adult mentor, coach or tutor.
- Access to safe places and structured activities to learn and grow.
- A healthy start.
- A marketable skill through effective education.
- An opportunity to give back through community service.

The program was initiated by President Clinton in 1997 at the President's Summit according to Glenda Mack, Youth Education Support Services director at Army Community Services.

Youth from ages three to 18 can accumulate hours and receive various prizes, work experience and scholarships for college by logging their time and activities into the Promise Passport.

The goal of the Passport initiative focuses on the key terms of: facilitate, encourage, recognize and document.

The youth volunteers help throughout the community on and off Fort Bragg.

Various opportunities and locations are available on Fort Bragg, including the Fort Bragg YMCA, the Red Cross and Tolson Youth Center, the child development centers and more.

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Robyn Byart, 11, listens to the meaning of the 4-H oath during a sewing club meeting at Tolson Youth Center Sept. 28.



Malyk Williams, 10, plays pool with a student at Tolson Youth Center Sept. 28.