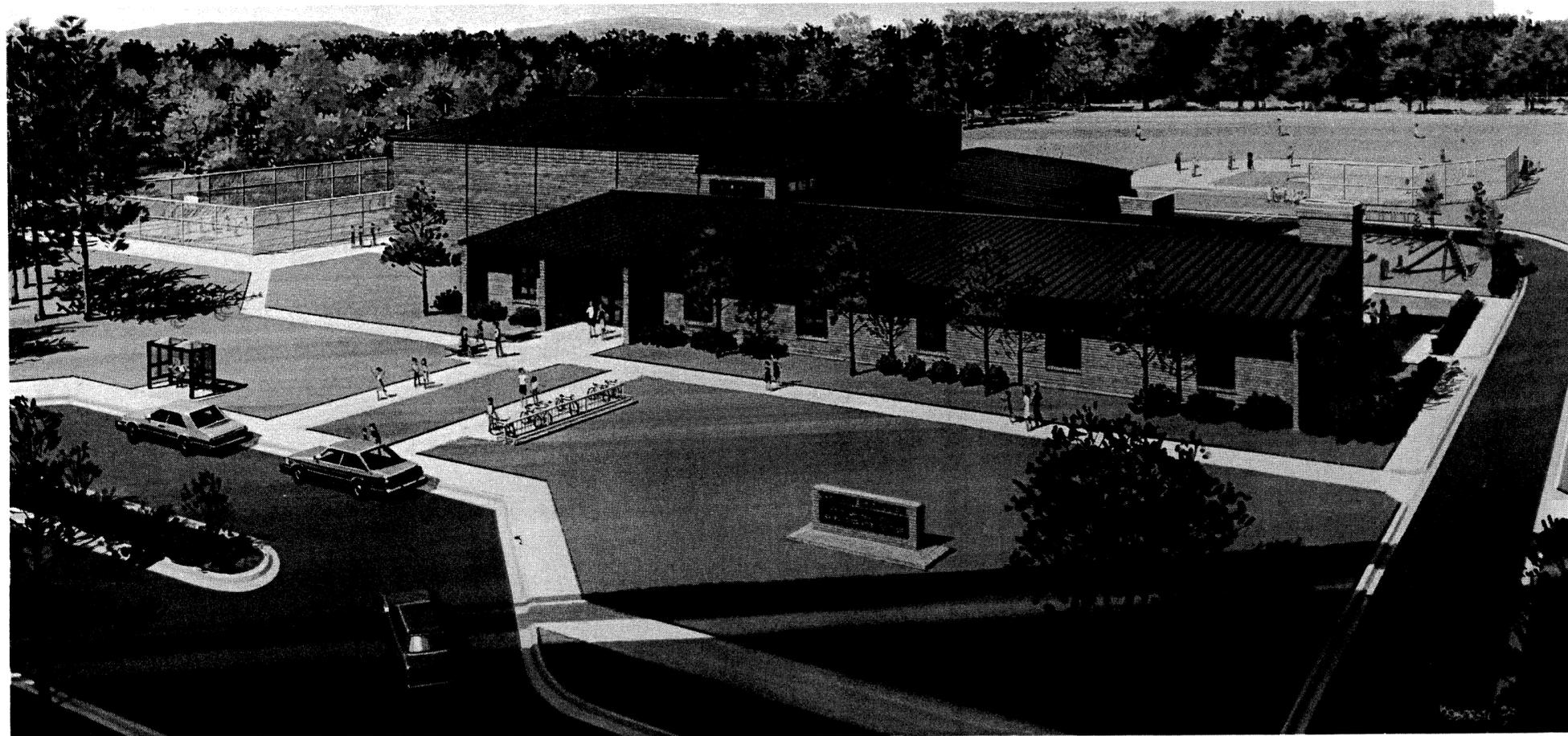




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Youth Center Standard Definitive Designs



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

THE PURPOSE OF THIS DESIGN PACKAGE IS TO PROVIDE STANDARD DESIGNS FOR A YOUTH CENTER (YC) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FACILITIES STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM. THIS DESIGN PACKAGE WAS DEVELOPED AND REVIEWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FACILITIES STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM, STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP). THIS DESIGN PACKAGE IS TO BE UTILIZED FOR BASE MASTER PLANNING PURPOSES AND EARLY DETERMINATION OF YC REQUIREMENTS FOR USE IN PREPARING THE DD FORM 1391. IT PROVIDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, CRITERIA AND THE BASIC TECHNICAL DATA NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE FINAL DESIGN PROCESS. THE FLOOR PLANS INCLUDED ARE MANDATORY, EXCEPT AS NOTED AND OTHER DESIGN ITEMS ARE IDENTIFIED AS OPTIONAL OR MANDATORY. DEVIATIONS FROM ITEMS IDENTIFIED AS MANDATORY MUST BE APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST EDITION OF THE FACILITIES STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM SOP IN COORDINATION WITH HQDA (USACFSC @ACF-PSY-Y ATTN:PRATT) THIS STANDARD DESIGN PACKAGE INCLUDES TWO TYPES OF YCS - MAIN YCS AND NEIGHBORHOOD YCS. THE PACKAGE DOES NOT ADDRESS THE SELECTION OF THE SITE IN DETAIL, NOR THE SELECTION OF WHICH YC (MAIN OR NEIGHBORHOOD) IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE MILITARY YOUTH WITH A FULL RANGE OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THEIR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE

OF THE YC AND THE DOMINANT OBJECTIVE OF ITS ARCHITECTURE IS TO SERVE THESE DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS.

THE YC WILL PROVIDE A FOCUS FOR THE YOUTH ON THE MILITARY INSTALLATION WHO MAY OTHERWISE FEEL SUBMERGED IN THE MILITARY-ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT; AND IT WILL PROVIDE FOR THE SOLDIER'S FAMILY, INCLUDING ENSURING THAT CHILDREN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AND A FULL RANGE OF YOUTHFUL ACTIVITIES WITH WHICH THE PARENTS WILL BE SATISFIED. THE YC WILL HELP ESTABLISH THE YOUTH AS A RECOGNIZED GROUP TO BE SERVED BY THE INSTALLATION.

THE YC IS DESIGNED TO SERVE ELIGIBLE YOUTH FAMILY MEMBERS IN GRADES 1-12 OF ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL, RESIDENT ON-POST AND OFF-POST. THE CENTER IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE FOR THE FULL-RANGE OF USERS WHOSE COMPOSITION WILL VARY FROM POST TO POST. WITHIN THIS RANGE ARE FOUND THE FOLLOWING SUBGROUPINGS OF USER POPULATION, EACH OF WHICH POSSESS THEIR OWN UNIQUE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS:

① JUVENILES (6-11 YEARS OF AGE) - THIS GROWTH PERIOD IS A PERIOD OF RELATIVE CALM IN PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT. FOR THIS AGE, THE YC IS INTENDED PRIMARILY TO PROVIDE STRUCTURED ACTIVITIES WITH LITTLE INDEPENDENT, CASUAL USE.

② EARLY ADOLESCENTS (12-14 YEARS OF AGE) - THIS GROWTH PERIOD IS ONE OF RAPID PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, AND EMOTIONAL GROWTH. THIS AGE GROUP IS BECOMING MORE

INDEPENDENT OF FAMILY THAN THE YOUNGER CHILDREN. THEY WILL USE THE YC FOR MORE CASUAL, SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS ORGANIZED PROGRAMS.

③ LATE ADOLESCENTS (15-19 YEARS OF AGE) - THIS AGE GROUP WILL DEMONSTRATE INCREASED HETEROSEXUAL SOCIAL INTERACTION. THEY WILL DESIRE TO BE LARGELY INDEPENDENT OF FAMILY AND HOME AND WILL WANT TO USE THE YC FOR CASUAL, "DROP-IN" TYPES OF ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS ORGANIZED PROGRAMS. THEY WILL BE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE DRIVING PRIVILEGES MEANING THAT THEY WILL BE REQUIRING USE OF THE YC LATER IN THE EVENINGS.

THE MAJOR GOAL OF THE DESIGNS PRESENTED IN THIS DESIGN PACKAGE IS TO FULFILL THE ABOVE NEEDS BY PROVIDING ACTIVITIES FOR THE FULL RANGE OF THE ELIGIBLE YOUTHS LOCATED ON THE INSTALLATION, WHOSE INTERESTS WILL VARY ACCORDING TO AGE, SEX, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION, CULTURAL CONDITIONING AND PEER-GROUP BEHAVIOR PATTERNS. THESE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ORGANIZED AND CASUAL, WILL ATTRACT BOTH LARGE AND SMALL NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS. THE SCOPE AND RANGE OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL DEPEND UPON THE SIZE OF THE FACILITY.

SINCE THE USER NEED WILL VARY IN RELATION TO THE SIZE OF THE MILITARY INSTALLATION, SIX SEPARATE FLOOR PLANS OF VARYING SIZES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO BETTER SUIT THE USER'S NEEDS. THE QUANTITY AND SIZE OF ACTIVITIES TO BE ACCOMMODATED WILL DETERMINE WHICH OF THE SIX PLANS IS CHOSEN FOR THE PARTICULAR INSTALLATION.

THIS DRAWING HAS BEEN REDUCED
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