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# NGAOK Newsletter

## OKNG Youth Workshop (Kids Kamp) Seeks Sponsors 20 June – 26 June 2010

The National Guard Association of Oklahoma is seeking sponsors for Oklahoma Guard Youth Workshop (Kids Kamp) Scholarship Program.

Due to increased camp costs, your financial donation may help one of our National Guard families send their child to camp. Camp Registration Fees are \$100 (\$75 if a camper is accompanied with an adult volunteer). This includes all meals, activities and lodging.

All donations will be directly distributed to (families in need) camp fees. You may sponsor a specific family/child. Make checks or

money orders payable to NGAOK, credit card payments will be accepted for donations of \$25 or more.

MAIL TO:

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6500 N. Kelley Ave.

Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Please call OKNG State Youth Coordinator, Pamela Reeds for further information.

405-228-5539 or

[Pamela.reeds@us.army.mil](mailto:Pamela.reeds@us.army.mil)

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## Congratulations—It's a Girl

NGAOK would like to Congratulate NGAOK Vice President John Bray and his wife Kim on the birth of their new daughter Emmalyn Grace, who arrived on 12 May 2010 at 1612hrs weighing in at 7lbs 7oz and was 18 3/4inches.



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## [WWW.BLOGTALKRADIO.COM/OGOK](http://WWW.BLOGTALKRADIO.COM/OGOK)

The Oklahoma National Guard's Family Program Office has launched an innovative way to provide assistance to Service Members and their families on a global scale with the implementation of an Internet Talk Show through Blog Talk Radio, titled "On Guard in Oklahoma", ([www.blogtalkradio.com/ogok](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/ogok))

The mission of Oklahoma's Internet Talk Show is to help Service Members, families and volunteers by empowering them through training, educating and equipping them with tools they need to thrive while their Service Member is deployed. The staff of Family Programs, Yellow Ribbon and the many other resources within the

Oklahoma National Guard are using the most user friendly communication tool, the Internet, in a new way they hope will create a strong net of support for their Service Members, families and communities. Listen to them at [www.blogtalkradio.com/ogok](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/ogok), "On Guard in Oklahoma".

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## **OEM offers tips on how tornado victims can protect themselves from being victimized twice**

In the wake of a disaster, it is common to see the generous side of human nature. Unfortunately, the sinister side also shows its presence. That's why the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (OEM) is informing residents to be aware of possible scams from unscrupulous contractors and others who often target victims during this stressful time.

OEM recommends individuals use the same responsible business practices they would during non-disaster times in dealing with and selecting contractors during disaster times. This includes:

- Be extremely cautious of anyone coming to your home uninvited and offering to do home repairs.
- Be alert to individuals canvassing your neighborhood in an unmarked van or truck.
- Insist on obtaining a written estimate or contract.
- Be sure the contract or business card has an address, telephone number and license numbers. All contractors doing business in the state are required to register. While not a guarantee of performance, registration does mean the contractor has minimal liability insurance and a surety bond that can protect the consumer if there is a problem.
- Ask for references and check them out.
- Don't be pressured into making a quick decision.
- Obtain three separate bids on the job.
- Insist on start and completion dates in the contract, and do not pay the final balance until the work is completed to your satisfaction.
- Be cautious in dealing with a contractor who asks for a large down payment.
- Ask contractors if they have done this type of repair work before, if they will be purchasing necessary permits, and if the work will be inspected.
- Avoid making final payment until you have received a lien release.

### **When filing insurance claims:**

- Report all property damage to your insurance agent immediately. Your agent should provide you with claim forms and arrange for an insurance adjuster to visit your property and assess the damage.
- Make emergency repairs and document them. Keep all receipts and take photographs of the damages, before and after emergency repairs, to submit with your claim.
- Take precautions if the damages require you to leave your home. Secure your property. Remove valuable items. Lock windows and doors. Contact your insurance agent and leave a phone number where you can be reached. Remember to update this contact information if you have to relocate further.

"People impacted by disasters can be particularly vulnerable," said OEM Director Albert Ashwood. "This important information can help them move forward in the recovery process and also prevent them from being victimized twice."

OEM encourages anyone who believes he or she may have witnessed fraudulent activity to report it immediately. In addition to the local better business bureau, reports may be made to the Oklahoma Attorney General Consumer Protection Unit at 405-521-2029 or online at [www.oag.state.ok.us](http://www.oag.state.ok.us).

# The Many Faces of NGAOK



## Upcoming Events:

June 15 EANGUS Hotel Deadline  
June 20-26 Kids Camp, Camp Gruber  
June 24 NGAOK BOD Meeting @ 90th Troop Command , 1730  
July 1 EANGUS Registration Deadline  
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August 8-11 EANGUS St. Louis, MO  
August 21-23 NGAUS Austin, TX

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