



Mount Vernon

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Ariel~Foundation Park to Host Servitus Event

Up to 400 JROTC cadets will compete in free family day open to public

MOUNT VERNON, September 12, 2024 – The City of Mount Vernon, Knox County Career Center and Ariel~Foundation Park are inviting residents to attend a family day event to celebrate those who serve others.

The Servitus event will showcase the Knox County Career Center JROTC program and several other JROTC units from around the region in a fitness competition at A~F Park on Saturday, October 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be free and open to the public. “Servitus” is a Latin word meaning “to serve.”

The JROTC cadets – from 300 to 400 of them – will compete in the following activities:

- **Woodland Trek** – A one-mile run through rugged woods wearing ruck packs that may weigh as much as 45 pounds.
- **Litter Carry** – A half-mile run over, under and through obstacles while carrying simulated personnel on two medical litters.
- **Heavy Object Course** – A half-mile course that includes moving thousands of pounds of various weights and objects through the course.
- **Tower Climb** – A climb to the top of Rastin Tower preceded by pulling an armored Army Humvee and a fitness course.
- **One Rope Bridge** – A rope bridge is tied between two trees with a rappelling rope, and the team uses carabiners to cross the span without touching the ground.

Recruiters from every branch of the military and local first responders will be at the Servitus event, and various pieces of equipment will be on display. Vendors and food trucks will be on site, and residents are encouraged to come, cheer on the participants, and meet with our local military members and first responders.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our

citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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