

NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES'

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NORTH COUNTRY CHRONICLES

The North Country Spouses' Club Monthly E-Newsletter

From the President -

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." - L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

October is one of my favorite months of the year. It is when fall truly arrives and the leaves begin to show off. The North Country is the perfect place to experience the beauty October provides. As we move into this month, I encourage you to get involved with all the different events and activities NCSC has to offer. Our sub-clubs have some amazing fall things planned, plus this month we have a special Members' Night Out event and our Murder Mystery social!

Our Flock the Yard fundraiser is in full swing. We would love to sell all of our available flocks to help raise money for our scholarships and grants program. So, if you haven't had a chance to flock a friend, do so today!!

We hope you are finding community and connection through NCSC. Our membership is always open, so, please invite a friend or neighbor to join! We are eager to continue building positive relationships in all we do. We want there to be something for everyone! I look forward to seeing you all throughout the coming month. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Happy to help in any way I can! Happy Fall Y'all! - *Penny Ezell*



ABOUT US



Inspiring a Spirit of Community

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The North Country Spouses' Club fosters positive connections amongst all spouses and the Fort Drum community through various social events and volunteer opportunities.

The organization takes pride in our members, encompassing all ranks and genders, who have dedicated countless hours of service to the Fort Drum community. We are dedicated to the tradition of the Army while moving forward with it's vision for tomorrow.

Our Mission is to inspire a spirit of community at Fort Drum by providing scholarships, community grants, and opportunities for social, cultural, and creative pursuits while fostering service through community projects.

Whether you are new to Fort Drum or have been here awhile, we cannot wait to meet you!

MEET OUR BOARD

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to get more involved and give back to your community? We have many different ways for you to do so!

Join the Board All positions are currently filled but we are always looking for volunteers to help out on committees for big events and fundraisers.

You can also help out as a Sub-Club leader. **Our Cooking Club lead is looking for a co-leader to help with this exciting new club!** If you would like more information or have an idea for a new Sub-Club talk to our Social Chair!

E-mail: NCSCsocialchair@gmail.com

If you are interested in volunteering but don't want quite as much of a time commitment, let us know! We are always in need of volunteers big and small.



SUB-CLUBS



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Something for Everyone!

Have you been searching for a way to connect and make new friends while doing something you really enjoy? That's what our sub-clubs are all about!

We are excited to offer the following sub-clubs for the 24-25 year:

- Beer, Wine & Spirits Club
- Book Club
- Cooking Club - **NEW!**
- Crafting Club
- Game Club
- Outdoor Pursuits Club
- Purple Pals Club - **NEW!**
- Lunch Bunch
- Toddler Club

As members, you have unlimited access to ALL of our sub-club events. If you have not already, be sure to join the groups facebook pages to see what they have planned!

To learn more about our sub-clubs, click [HERE](#).



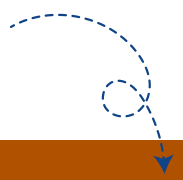
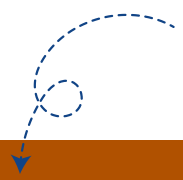
- OCT. 3RD - TODDLER CLUB
- OCT. 4TH - LUNCH BUNCH
- OCT. 5TH - BEER, WINE & SPIRITS
- OCT. 9TH - BOOK CLUB (AM)
- OCT. 15TH - CRAFTING CLUB
- OCT. 18TH - COOKING CLUB

- OCT. 19TH - MONTHLY SOCIAL
- OCT. 21ST - OUTDOOR PURSUITS
- OCT. 23RD - GAME CLUB
- OCT. 24TH - TODDLER CLUB
- OCT. 24TH - BOOK CLUB (PM)
- OCT. 27TH - PURPLE PALS CLUB

OCTOBER SUB-CLUB EVENTS



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



FUNDRAISERS

Giving back is the heartbeat of our organization.

The club conducts various fundraisers throughout the year. These fundraising events go directly to the club's scholarship and grants program.

Our first 2024-2025 fundraiser is **FLOCK THE YARD!**

This has been a fan favorite for several years. **We have a SPOOKY flock option that comes with Skeletons to elevate your neighbor's fall decor.**

A NCSC member can pay to "flock the yard" of another NCSC member. A flock of plastic flamingos will appear in the yard and remain there for 48 hours before moving to another yard.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



OUTREACH

October's Community Outreach Partner

This month NCSC is partnering with our friends at the Fort Drum Thrift Shop to fill their Blessing Box before the holidays. We will be collecting donations at our social on October 19th. Please bring nonperishable food items. If you cannot make it to the social, we encourage you to stop by the Thrift Shop with your donation. Thank you!!

Blessing Box

The Fort Drum Thrift Shop also provides a small free food pantry in the store. Anyone is welcome to take what they need and all are encouraged to donate nonperishables to help keep it stocked.



CHARITABLE GIVING

NCSC is proud to give back to our community!

Each month, the club collaborates with a local organization to collect items in need. We value our relationships with our community partners. If you are a local non-profit organization interested in receiving assistance from the NCSC, please email: NCSCcommunityoutreach@gmail.com

LOCAL BUSINESSES

We are looking for NCSC members or local community members with small businesses to showcase at our Monthly Socials. In order to be highlighted at a NCSC social, we ask that you provide an opportunity prize valued at \$25 or more.

With this contribution, we will have a brief pitch for your business, as well as where to find you locally and online. If interested, click [HERE](#) to apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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RSVP BY OCT 5TH



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STAY FIT THIS FALL

Run, Walk or Stroll with NCSC!

NCSC is planning to meet up to run, walk or stroll in the following upcoming races put on by Fort Drum MWR:

- Pink Out 5K | Wednesday, October 9 | 7 AM
- Spooky Dash | Saturday, October 26 | 11 AM
- Turkey Trot | Saturday, November 28 | 11 AM
- Ugly Sweater 5K | Saturday, December 14 | 11 AM

If you're interested in joining us, please email the contacts under each of the images to the right.



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ODYD

Operation: Deploy Your Dress

Do you have a ball or other formal event coming up? We can help!

ODYD is a non-profit that provides FREE formal wear to military ID card holders. If you need a dress or are interested in volunteering or donating, please email: odydNCSCrep@gmail.com or check out their [Facebook Page HERE](#).



TREE & WREATH GALA



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23 NOVEMBER 2024

The Lincoln Loft, Watertown, NY.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner!

Tree and Wreath is open to the public and will be a fun and exciting evening that will include dinner, libations, opportunity drawings, and both a silent auction and live auction hosted by local personality, Joshua Baughn.

This event is executed through 100% volunteer efforts. The money raised is distributed each spring when we award our scholarships to military dependents and grants to local nonprofit organizations.

Last year, the NCSC awarded \$12,000 in scholarships and community grants!

We need your help!! If you have your own business or know a local business that would like to donate to our live or silent auction, please contact Alyssa, our donations chair directly at: NCSCfundraising@gmail.com

This year we are excited to encourage groups to embrace their inner creativity by decorating themed trees! Some decorating theme ideas for these trees could include: "Coffeeholic" decorated with themed ornaments and gift cards from various local coffee shops, "12 Days of Christmas" decorated with with small boxed gifts of varying price points to open each day, or even just trees decorated according to a particular theme (a "Baker's Dream" tree decorated with cooking themed ornaments and placed atop a cake carrier). These suggestions are meant to give you a starting, so please know that any donation is greatly appreciated!

Last year, donated items ranged in value from \$45-\$250. If your organization prefers to donate an item other than a tree/wreath, we will also gladly accept themed baskets and holiday décor (porch decorations, centerpieces, and holiday entertainment service ware to include food if applicable).

If you want to volunteer your time to our Tree & Wreath committee to help get the word out to local businesses please contact Stephanie, our 1st Vice President at: NCSCfirstvp@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER RECAP

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

Cait Lesco - Publicity Chair

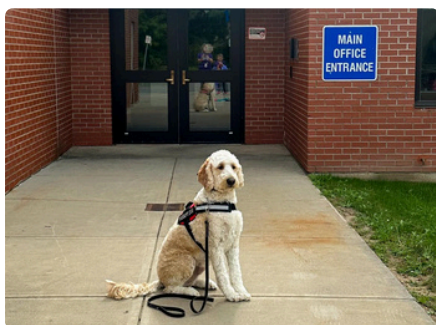
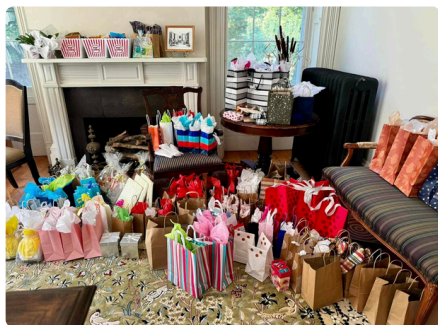


Cait arrived to NNY from Alaska last winter and jumped both-feet-in to the club, immediately making new friends, getting involved, and volunteering to help.

As our Social Media and Marketing Extraordinaire, Cait has notably rebranded NCSC this year, creating a beautiful logo, and starting up an NCSC Swag Shop. She is co-lead for Game Club with the lovely Rachel.

Cait brings fresh ideas, a great energy, and a big smile to everything she does - we're so grateful to have her representing our organization.

RECAP



We started off the season STRONG with some fun events & getting out in our local community!

We kicked off the season with our Favorite Things social at LeRay Mansion. A great time was had by all with a delicious lunch catered by the Peak! Everyone went home with some goodies and best of all, we had a huge donation pile for our community partners at the Jefferson County SPCA. We got out into the community with the GWNC Chamber Business After Hours, the Fort Drum Retiree Appreciation Day and the Fort Drum Mountain Homes Fall Fest. We got some adorable news about Hank, a local therapy dog, who was paid for with the help of our 2023-2024 scholarships and grants program! Last, but not least, we closed out our first NCSC Swag Shop - thank you to everyone that placed orders!! Orders will be available for pick up at our October social on the 19th.

Stay in Touch!

