



SKIES *Unlimited*

Schools of **Knowledge**, **Inspiration**, **Exploration** & **Skills**

Army Child & Youth Services Launches Global Instructional Programs Initiative

The name *SKIESUnlimited* combines the acronym for “School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills” with the word “*Unlimited*” for the unlimited learning possibilities for Army children and youth. *SKIESUnlimited* provides the framework or umbrella for all instructional programming in the CYS System worldwide. *SKIESUnlimited* encompasses instructional programs for children & youth from infancy through the end of their senior year in high school. Through *SKIESUnlimited*, children and youth in CDS, SAS, MS&T Programs have equal access to opportunities that expand their knowledge, inspire, and allow them to acquire new skills.

Young people spend as much as 80% of their waking time outside the classroom. When involved in instructional programs during the critical hours of 3 – 8 pm, they are less likely to engage in undesirable behavior. Children and youth participate in instructional programs for a variety of reasons: to explore new skills, to pursue and nurture personal interest, to interact socially with others, to build a resume, to bolster a college application, or to foster a close relationship with caring, knowledgeable adults outside of home.

Instructional programs foster the development of critical life, leadership, and social skills. The latest educational research confirmed that students involvement in after-school instructional programs is beneficial on all levels. Instructional programs have been shown to promote the intellectual development of children and youth.

For more information about *SKIESUnlimited*, available classes, and registration, please contact Rebecca Doran at (703)805-9146.