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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST 2021

### RHF Ninja Warrior Challenge

*Build Week*

*Aug 30 – Sept 3*

*Organizational Days*

*Sept 4 to 17 (Thurs – Sat)*

*Competitive Event Days*

*Sept 5 & Sept 12*

*Non-Competitive Event Day/Closing Ceremony*

*Sept 18*

*Breakdown Week*

*Sept 19 to 21*

*If interested in participating or volunteering for Ninja Warrior Challenge, please visit:*

<https://rhfnow.org/ninja/>



**968 people** visited us at Rick's Place this month!

Daily Park Visitors **442**

RHF Events & Programs **125**

Patron Events & Tours **401**

## MISSION

The Rick Herrema Foundation (RHF) strengthens relationships and builds community within the Military Family through fun, quality, activities.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Family and Friends of Rick's Place,

I am thrilled to report that RHF continues to grow and improve through new relationships, support and plans for additional quality activities. August has been a very busy month.

I want to thank the staff and our amazing volunteers for their commitment and faithfulness. Their actions ensured we completed our mission with excellence as we supported numerous unit events and hosted our own planned events and activities.

The importance and impact of what we do to strengthen military families was evident during our Rapid deployment Picnic in the Park event. One young spouse personally thanked one of our board members for making that event happen. Another spouse expressed her gratefulness to have a place to come and gather with others experiencing the uncertainty and emotions that come with the unexpected deployment.

Thank you for your part to support our military families,

Diana

## What has been happening at Rick's Place in July?

- In the month of August **442 people** came and played at Rick's Place during the week, **139 were first time visits**.
- With our outside Patron Events and Tours, we had **8 tours and events**, an **additional 401 people** joined us at Rick's Place.
- Construction has started on the **Ninja Warrior obstacle courses**. We are so excited for the upcoming event days.
- **July 2021 Programs brought in more families and more fun:**
  - Picnic at the Park – 96 participants/21 volunteers
  - Cooking Matters at Rick's Place – 8 attendees
  - Warrior Project (Ninja Preparation) – 5 volunteer soldiers

Don't forget to check out our website and register for the next program and/or event, there will be plenty of adventure and fun to go around!

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# RICK'S PLACE SPOTLIGHT

## Picnic at the Park

Recently, Ft. Bragg was impacted by the rapid deployment to Afghanistan. A Brigade size element was deployed from our area, leaving behind their loved ones during these uncertain times. Our staff and 21 amazing volunteers made our mission come alive for these impacted families. Through the financial support of one of our board members, we organized a small event at Rick's Place. Families were able to come out and enjoy the park, side by side with others experiencing the same challenges and connecting with some who have been in their shoes before. We wanted to invite these Military Families to our park allowing them a place to gather and find support and encouragement. We collaborated with outside vendors who provided free resources, books, and toys to these families. Due to a generous contribution by one of our board members, we provided a free and fun picnic lunch as well. For this event we had 96 family members attend, most of whom were visiting Rick's Place for the first time! We asked some of our families about their experience at the Picnic, *"We had such a great time! Felt very supported and cared for, lifting our spirits! We were very happy to have something planned for a Saturday as that is the day we usually have adventures with Daddy."* This event has given us a vision for more events to support these families as they wait for their warrior's safe return and when they reintegrate as a family unit once again.



*"It got us out of the house and smiling. We got to make some new friends as well! We also really enjoyed being greeted by Allen (Parking Lot Volunteer), he was just a joy to meet and he helped me with my kiddos."*



*"Provided a stress free afternoon for the kids to eat, play, and enjoy time outdoors. Allowed spouses to connect."*



*"It was great for me as a new mom to get out and have a place outside to meet other moms."*

# Ninja Challenge Course Build

Working hard to get ready for this long-awaited event



Rise to the challenge!  
Register to participate or  
volunteer at <https://rhfnw.org/ninja/>



Our Patron Events took advantage of the last days of summer, where Rick's Place welcomed 400 people for the month.

