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Wyo. Youth Challenge class begins July 11

CAMP GUERNSEY, Wyo. – The Wyoming National Guard's Youth Challenge Program, designed to help high school dropouts earn a GED, begins its next class Sunday, at the program's facility, at the Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center.

The new class of cadets will spend 5 1/2 months at the Youth Challenge residence program, learning life skills and educational components critical to passing the GED exam and starting a new life. Core components of the program include academics, citizenship, life-coping skills, civic service, leadership and physical fitness.

"Just because a student drops out of school, does not mean the student's future is set," said Don Smith, Wyoming National Guard Youth Challenge director. "When they graduate from our program, many will have a GED, each of them will be connected with a mentor who will work closely with them, and as graduates, they'll have a chance at college or a vocational education."

Applications for the Youth Challenge class are still being accepted. Cadets must be between 16-18 years old, and cannot be on probation or ordered to attend by the court. All cadets enter Youth Challenge voluntarily and can leave the program at any time.

For information about the Wyoming Youth Challenge Program, cadet applications, or information on becoming a mentor, visit the Web site at <http://www.ngycp.org/state/wy> or call the program at 307-836-7500.

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Media planning on covering the program through the next five months, should contact the Wyoming National Guard public affairs office at 307-772-5040 to gain entry to the Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center.