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YMCA's Camp Weona Gives Back to National Guard Families

This summer YMCA's Camp Weona awarded the dedicated deployed men and women who serve in our armed forces a free week of summer camp for their children. One such recipient was Staff Sergeant Trunzo of the Town Wheatfield who has served in the New York Army National Guard for 13 years and who is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom VII 09-09. Thanks to this collaboration between the National Guard and YMCA Buffalo Niagara, his 11 year old daughter was able to have a fun and carefree experience at Camp Weona this summer. During her time at camp she was able to engage in many activities her favorite being rock climbing, the zip line, and all of the athletic activities.

What he felt she truly benefited from however was the fact that she was able to meet and bond with other children. These friendships, Sergeant Trunzo believes, are ones that will last long beyond the camp experience. Sergeant Trunzo tells us, "As I have served, I ask for nothing for myself or my family. I only wish for the safety of my family, country, and to do my part as a very proud American citizen. I find myself humbled as people come to me and express thanks, children write and send letters while deployed, and others donate to such a fine organization as the YMCA so that my child can partake in an experience that not all children get."

We are extremely pleased that Sergeant Trunzo and his family were able to enjoy the YMCA Camp Weona experience as a result of this collaboration as this is only a mere token of our appreciation for all that he and so many others do to protect our country and ensure our freedom.

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