

Signing Out the Mobile Technology Lab

To sign out the MTL, call or email the OMK office with your request. An MTL application and contents list will be sent for you to complete and return to request the equipment needed for your event.

For any event, it is possible to sign out as much or as little of the MTL as is required. All of the contents are available, but you can specify the exact components that you want included.

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Operation: Military Kids (OMK) Mobile Technology Lab



**OMK ...
Working Together to
Support Military Kids and
their Families**

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What is Operation: Military Kids (OMK)?

When National Guard, Reserve, and other military families living in civilian communities become mobilized, their children experience the stress of being a military kid. These children have unique needs for special support and services, even though they still “look the same” to their friends and community. University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development partners with all branches of the military, American Legion, Red Cross, schools, the spiritual community, YMCA, Community Recreation Centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, PlusTime NH, and other youth and family organizations to form the outreach effort called Operation: Military Kids (OMK). This program functions in 34 states across the country, including NH.

The mission of OMK is to create support networks for military children and connect them with other military and non-military youth through a variety of recreational, social and educational programs. The state partners create programs that serve the unique needs of military kids and their families before, during, and after their family members are deployed. OMK also works to foster public understanding about the impact of the deployment cycle on the military member, family, child and larger community.



Mobile Technology Lab (MTL)

The Mobile Technology Lab (MTL) supports Operation: Military Kids by helping to facilitate connections between deployed soldiers and their kids. They contain software and programs for children and youth to send personal messages and pictures to their deployed family members.

They are also utilized by OMK partner organizations such as UNH Cooperative Extension, The National Guard, after school programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, and 4-H, who request the lab for events that involve or support military kids. The MTL can be used for events that have a combination of military and non-military youth. Many OMK team members and community partners have also held trainings to become familiar with the MTL and its many uses.

Possible Uses of the MTL

- Bringing military and non-military kids together to create a DVD about issues that affect military kids
- Doing special projects with an OMK theme in after-school programs
- Taking digital pictures at events and making a slide show
- Holding MTL training sessions to familiarize your organization with the components and uses of the lab
- Having military kids from OMK youth events send messages, cards, pictures, etc. to deployed family members

Mobile Technology Lab Contents

15 laptops
15 headsets
15 external floppy drivers
1 external DVD recorder
1 scanner
1 standard printer
2 Photosmart printers
4 video cameras with tripods
1 laminator
1 Canon digital camera
4 Kodak digital cameras
with memory cards
1 camera TV adaptor
5 Phillips FunCams
1 AA battery charger
wireless router

*all contents come with the necessary software, power cords, and batteries

Examples of Available Software

QuickTime Pro 6.0
DVD/CD-Rom burning software
Adobe Premiere Elements (video editing)
Photoshop Elements
Macromedia Flash
FrontPage (website creation)
BGCA Digital Arts Suite
KidPix
Hallmark Card Maker
MS Publisher
Encarta