MAKING NEW FRIENDS

Making new friends can be difficult, but you have to work at it. Don’t sit back, take action and make things happen! Don’t forget to smile!

RESEARCH YOUR NEW TOWN
Get your mom or dad to help you do an internet search on the town and the base where you are moving. Check out MCCS activities for kids and the schools.

GET INVOLVED
Join a sports team, church youth group, scouts, youth center and recreation activities. By joining you’ll gain instant friendships and enjoy belonging to a group!

SCHOOL
Check out the school ahead of time and arrange a tour before you attend. Ask if there is an Elementary Student 2 Student or Jr. Student 2 Student group at the school to introduce you and show you around. Brush up on the state standards and get help at www.tutor.com/military.

CHECK OUT THE AREA
Use Google Earth to locate your new town, base or neighborhood. This gives you a real bird’s eye view of the area. Find out where kids hang out and go people watch. You’ll notice the fashions the kids wear and what they do for fun. Go to a park, it’s great for finding friends and activities.

STAYING IN TOUCH

Don’t lose touch with your old friends. You never know when you will run into them again especially while you are in the Marine Corps. Make an effort to communicate often.

ADDRESS BOOK
Make yourself an address book with old friends’ names, addresses, emails and Skype addresses.

POST CARDS
Have all the kids in your class fill out an index card with their address on it. You can send them a note with your new address once you get settled.

KEEP A BLOG
Blog about your new adventures and add pictures of all the cool things you’ve found in your new town.

Contact your Camp Lejeune School Liaison to assist you with your school questions. View the Camp Lejeune School Liaison website for additional information.

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WE HAVE ORDERS!

It's PCS Time! “I don’t want to move! I’m happy here. I don’t want to leave my friends. I’ll never make new friends.”

This is what you are thinking, isn’t it? You’re feeling angry, sad, frustrated, worried and nervous. You may be wondering: How am I going to leave right in the middle of school? How can I say goodbye to my best friends? Will I be able to make new friends?

Don’t worry, make moving an adventure! Not everyone gets the opportunity to travel and live in different states and countries. Make the most of it! Follow these suggestions to make moving a success!

PACKING

Packing is hard work, but is one of the first steps you need to take.

GET ORGANIZED
Throw out all old items you need to get rid of.

SEPARATE ITEMS INTO PILES
Separate all items into piles of like items: sports items, toys, winter clothing, books, etc.

LABEL BOXES
Use a permanent marker to boldly label all boxes. List specific items in the box to help locate what you need later. Personalize your boxes with stickers, designs or your favorite color.

FIRST WEEK BAG
Pack necessary items you will need during the first week. Make sure you have a jacket, favorite clothes, pajamas, toiletries, school items, lunch box, books and videos or games.

TRIP BAG
Pack only your necessary things for travel. Pack PJ’s, toothbrush, favorite stuffed animal or blanket, handheld electronics, journal and snacks.

SAYING GOODBYE

Saying goodbye is one of the hardest things you will have to do with your move. It’s really hard to say goodbye to really good friends and not know if you will ever see them again.

MAKE A LIST
Make a list of everyone you need to say goodbye to: friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches and church members.

PLAN SOMETHING SPECIAL
Have your friends over for a Good Bye Party, Night Out or Sleep Over. Take plenty of pictures!

VISIT FAVORITE PLACES
Go visit some of your favorite places one last time. Pictures are important here too!

MAKE A SCRAP BOOK
Have friends over for a Scrap Book Party! Each person makes a page of your memories together.

PACKING PARTY
Have your friends over to help you go through your things. Funny stories will be told as you reminisce about clothes, toys and videos. You can also give your friends first dibs on the things you can’t take with you.

CREATE SOMETHING FOR YOUR FRIENDS
Make a card, book, bracelet or memory item to leave with your friends.