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## **Gowen Field Easter Egg Hunt – a blast AND a success**

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The Boise Region Military Youth Group hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt for military-connected children on March 19 at Gowen Field.

Despite a frigid wind chill, over 100 children and their families attended the event. MWR was on hand to provide hamburgers and hotdogs at no charge.

Children enjoyed a myriad of activities provided by teens from the Boise Region Military Youth Group, such as face painting, crafts, a game booth, bouncy house and supervision.



Over 2500 eggs were stuffed by the staff at Newsletter Pro, Family Programs staff and the youth group. Eggs and candy were donated by the University of Idaho's Outreach to Military Kids

and the Veterans Resource Network and Blue Star Moms.

Next year's event will take place in April as the Easter Holiday moves up to what organizers hope to be a warmer month.

Egg hunts to support military-connected children also took place in Post Falls and Idaho Falls over the same weekend.

If interested in becoming involved in future events such as these, contact the Idaho National Guard Child & Youth Program at 208-272-8397.



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