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## **Families Stay Connected with GIs Via Free Web-Based Services**

Free video teleconferencing (VTC), high-speed Internet systems with e-mail and Web-based phone lines are available to Camp Cooke troops to take them virtually anywhere. Using donated technology from a not-for-profit organization called the Freedom Calls Foundation, troops have already used the technology to see events they would have otherwise missed. So far people on camp have seen a live birth on a big screen TV, been married by proxy over VTC, and have seen numerous graduations, all thanks to the foundation.

Camp residents will be allowed 30 minutes of facility use on a sign-up basis. There will be another roster for special events that require VTC set-up, such as graduation ceremonies. For more information on Freedom Calls or to request installation at a specific camp, go to [www.freedomcalls.org](http://www.freedomcalls.org).

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