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This summer, for the first time ever, an active duty army post has hosted a football training camp.

Head football coach Jonathan Condon has sung the praises of the military influence, particularly the mental discipline that an annual training camp brings to the team's workouts. This year, the Bulldogs trained on the Truman State University Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps’ (TSU ROTC) campus each year. This year, the TSU ROTC runs football training camp, which took place Aug. 11 through 15 in Kirksville.

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Gracie Condon, a member of ROTC, said the rotation of TSU ROTC and the rotation at Fort Leavenworth was significant because the teams were expected to mow and maintain the entire area, and that the entire experience was memorable.

“I thought the camp was good because the guys got their eyes opened up to military,” Condon said. “My children have been exposed to the military, but I think this is the first time they have been able to see the inside of a military post and how it is run.”

Kirksville, southwest of Kansas City — for years, said Lieutenant Colonel Bill Gardner, TSU Military Science instructor.

“We looked at a variety of fields for the team to practice in, and there are a number of options available in this area,” Condon said. “We really just tried to keep it fun for the kids, and Gardner said. “The entire focus was to make sure that the students could really see what it is like to be in the military.”

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Gardner said that getting these camps up and running is an integral part of the TSU ROTC program and its leadership.

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Due to the recent flooding of the Pershing Building that ruined the basketball floor, the Student Recreation Center will need to be used temporarily by the Truman volleyball and basketball teams while the Pershing floor is replaced.

The basketball teams will be using one court in the main gym Monday through Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., and one court on Fridays from 6:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Volleyball will be using two courts in the main gym from 2:30 - 4:45 p.m., and one court in the main gym from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. from Monday through Thursday. They will be using one court in the main gym on Fridays when there is a game scheduled.

If all goes as planned, the Pershing floor replacement should be complete by Oct. 1st and the teams will return to Pershing for their team workouts.

The Truman Athletic Department greatly appreciates the patience and cooperation of the entire campus over the next 6 weeks.

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New Italian dining in town

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