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THE OPERATION PURPLE CAMP EXPERIENCE

War affects everyone—not just the service member, but the spouse and children as well. As an organization dedicated to serving military families, the National Military Family Association (NMFA) recognized the need for more resources to support military children. In 2004, the *Operation Purple*® Summer Camp Program was created as a way to help military children struggling with having a parent deployed.



During the 2004 pilot season of *Operation Purple*, NMFA implemented 12 different *Operation Purple* camps across the country. Due to the success of this camp program, NMFA expanded the program and has hosted more than 10,000 military children who have or will experience deployment. In 2008, there were 100 weeks of camp held in 62 locations in 37 states and territories.

These **free, week-long, overnight camps** are open to all military children ages 7-17. The program aims to help military kids experience carefree fun while also learning coping skills to deal with war-related stress and fostering relationships with others who know what they are going through.

Registration can only be completed online and opens on March 16th. There will be camps in North Carolina, but the number and location will not be announced until the 16th. Priority is given to children of deployed service members. Deployment could have occurred anytime between last May and this coming Nov. TDY can count as a deployment. If additional spots remain, other military children will be considered. Purple refers to the fact that the camp is for children of all services - red, white, and blue.

You can go to the website now and sign up for email alerts www.nmfa.org Type "operation purple" in the search bar.

Adapted from NMFA.org



From the Bulletin Board...



ASYMCA ESSAY CONTESTS

The Armed Services YMCA is beginning its annual essay contests. All eligible children of U.S. active duty, National Guard or Reserves may enter by **writing an essay about their military hero**. This contest is launched each November as part of Military Family Month. All essay contest entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, **March 20, 2009**. Official entry forms for the contest are available at www.asymca.org.

ASK AUNT PEGGIE!

Did you ever know one of those people who seem to have all the answers about everything? Aunt Peggie is that person! The Military Child Education Coalition keeps Aunt Peggie on staff to help **military families get information** about anything related to the military child. If you just don't know who to ask about absolutely anything try clicking on Aunt Peggie and see how much valuable information you can get! <http://www.militarychild.org/about-us/ask-aunt-peggie>

CURTIS BROWN SPACE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

The deadline is almost here for applying for a free Space Camp Experience. Get your applications in by **March 10, 2009**. Winning essayists will receive round trip transportation, tuition, meals, and an **all expenses paid trip to Space Camp**. Students in grades 6-9 are eligible to apply. Curtis Brown was killed when the plane he was riding in was hijacked and crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11th, 2001. His family promotes this scholarship each year to honor his memory. Go to www.militarychild.org and type "space camp" in the search bar to get the application.

WEBSITES YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Online Homework Helper

FREE one on one tutoring in all subject areas kindergarten through community college.
<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/library/tutor/> - call the base library at 451-5724 for the password.

Student Online Achievement Resources

Standardized testing linked to state standards. Full of remediation support modules. May be used by all students, military and non-military. Choose Camp Lejeune as your registration site.
www.soarathome.com

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