



School Scuttle

Educational issues affecting military kids

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FREE SUMMER CAMPS FOR MILITARY KIDS

By now you may have heard about Operation Purple Camps designed to support military children whose parents have been deployed. You may not know that our local Salvation Army is also offering **free camp** to all military dependent children. The local Salvation Army camps take place at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC. The Salvation Army will arrange for your child to be picked up and dropped off at home. Registrations fill up quickly so act now!

Camp Dates

June 15-20 Girls only grades 1-5
June 22-27 Boys and girls ages 6-9
July 6-11 Girls only grades 6-12
July 13-18 Boys and girls ages 13-18
July 27- August 1 Boys only grades 1-8



Pick up an application packet at the Salvation Army Office on Bell Fork Road across from Bell Fork Elementary. **Registrations are due by May 29th** and a physical is required. Call the Salvation Army offices for more information at 346-8800.

Operation Purple Camps are also free! There are six sites in North Carolina this year. The closest is in Columbia in the northern part of Eastern NC. The week includes kayaking, rock climbing, high ropes, a talent show, military day, and many more camp like activities.

This year Operation Purple is also offering leadership camps for teens and Camp Healing Adventures for families who have experienced an injury. The camps offer adaptive equipment for disabled family members to be able to participate as well.

Since *Operation Purple* camp's implementation, the National Military Family Association has sent more than 20,000 military kids to camp for free. In 2009, *Operation Purple* will host nearly 90 weeks of camp held in 62 locations in 37 states and territories. **Camps are free** to all participants thanks to support from the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.

Please direct questions regarding *Operation Purple* camp to operationpurple@nmfa.org. To get an application or learn more about what is available go to the National Military Family Association website at [NMFA.org](http://www.nmfa.org) or click this link: http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=op_default

From the Bulletin Board...



MOVING?

Check out this website Military Teens on the Move (for Kids and Teens): <http://www.defenselink.mil/mtom>
This website has great ideas for kids to help them prepare for the move, move, and make new friends once they get to their new duty station. The website has great ideas like a nickel tour of your new town. That is when the whole family gets into the car and takes turns flipping a coin at each intersection. Heads is turn right, tails is turn left. You get to learn a lot about the new town and have fun doing it.

SOAR AT HOME FREE TUTORIAL LESSONS

Would you like your child to make some academic progress over the summer in between trips to the beach and hours on the video games? Why not sign up for the FREE www.SOARatHOME.com service. This website provides parents free standardized tests to administer to their child at home. The results then show parents where children might have some weaknesses in the math/language arts curriculum for their grade level. Each question the child misses will provide a set of interactive remediation lessons to help the child not only learn the skill, but the program explains why the child missed the question in the first place. There are many tools for parents to use in learning the material and monitoring their child's progress. This service is available to both military and NON military in highly impacted military locations, so feel free to share this valuable resource with other parents.

INTERSTATE COMPACT UPDATE

April was the month of the military child and five more states took advantage of that time to pass the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children on to their governors for signature. The compact allows for more equity for military kids when they transfer between states that are in the compact. Alaska, Indiana, Maryland, Texas, and Washington approved the legislation and Indiana's governor has already signed it into law. Alabama and Hawaii are expected to sign soon as well. States already in the compact include North Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Michigan, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi, Iowa, Oklahoma, Colorado and Arizona. For more information on what the compact promises military kids go to this website: <http://www.csg.org/programs/ncic/documents/RESOURCEKIT-January2008final.pdf>

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Moving? Contact your local School Liaison to get school liaison information for other military bases.