

At the National Military Family Association, we believe that Military Kids Serve Too®. Since 2004, NMFA has honored that service through Operation Purple Camp, providing free, weeklong overnight summer camp experiences that give military-connected kids something essential: a place to belong, to connect, and to simply be kids.

### What Is Operation Purple Camp?

Operation Purple Camp is a nationwide summer camp program offered exclusively to military-connected children. While it includes the adventure and fun of a traditional summer camp, it is intentionally designed with military kids in mind.

### Opening Doors to Opportunity

Summer camp is life-changing but cost often puts it out of reach for military families balancing frequent moves, deployments, and caregiving responsibilities. Operation Purple Camp is free for families, removing a key barrier to access. That access creates opportunities for connection, confidence, and growth that extends well beyond the week at camp.

### 2026 Operation Purple Camp Locations & Dates

### What Camp Builds

Operation Purple Camp focuses on intentional skill-building in three areas:



Helping kids build confidence, adaptability, and emotional strength

Creating meaningful relationships with peers who share military life experiences

Fostering pride in their role as military kids and recognizing their contributions



YMCA Camp Surf  
Week 2  
San Diego, CA  
August 2-7  
Ages 8-16

YMCA Camp Surf  
Week 1  
San Diego, CA  
June 28-July 3  
Ages 8-16



YMCA Camp Piomingo  
Brandenburg, KY  
June 28-July 3 · Ages 6-16

YMCA Camp Grady Spruce  
Graford, TX  
June 7-13  
Ages 7-16

YMCA Camp Cullen  
Trinity, TX  
June 28-July 3  
Ages 7-16

Camp Sorenson  
Hilliard, FL  
July 26-31  
Ages 10-15

Jamestown 4-H Center  
Williamsburg, VA  
June 21-26 · Ages 7-15

Eastern 4-H Center  
Columbia, NC  
July 19-24 · Ages 6-15

Camp Rockfish  
Week 1  
Parkton, NC  
June 7-12  
Ages 8-16

Camp Rockfish  
Week 2  
Parkton, NC  
June 14-19  
Ages 8-16



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