

Operation Purple *Donor Report*

In partnership with the National Military Family Association, Camp Fire Alaska hosts Operation Purple Camp.



The 2022 season at Camp K kicked off with one of our favorite sessions of the summer, Operation Purple Camp, in partnership with the National Military Family Association (NMFA)! Operation Purple Camps have been running at Camp K for 11 years and allow us to provide **camp programming to our campers that live in military families**. Operation Purple Camp gives them the opportunity to unite with other military kids and connect over their shared challenges and unique experiences while also having fun at Camp K. **Thanks to donors, 86 youth attended Operation Purple Camp this year at no cost to their families.** These young campers spent the week making new friends, learning new skills, sharing their experiences, having fun, and laughing a lot!

2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

→ **Communication Skills**

One of our favorite activities is the "Wall of Honor". All of our campers bring a photo of their military family member to camp, each cabin group has an opportunity to share with their fellow campers any special facts about their military family member, and then we post their photo on a special display. We display these photos the whole week in our dining hall and they inspire a lot of great conversations and sharing.

→ **Outdoor Skills & Environmental Education**

Camp activities included backpacking, fire building, shelter building, canoeing, target sports, nature hikes, tent camping, "Leave No Trace" education and more.

→ **Connection & Team Building**

Many of our campers have parents that have been, or are currently deployed. They face stresses and challenges that are incredibly difficult, from the worry of where their parents are to changing schools and moving many times. Often these campers come home with new friends who know exactly what it means to be a military kid! They also bond over shared experiences and activities at camp that help them learn team building skills like the obstacle course.

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The hardest aspect of military life for kids is the constant change in friends. Camp helped teach simplicity of making new friends.

-Operation Purple Parent



THANK YOU!

*1 week, 86 Kids, hundreds of pictures...
Memories that will last a lifetime.*



On "Military Day", members from the 611th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) at JBER came to camp to provide youth with their very own "military" experience. This amazing group spent the day at camp with our youth and ran a very challenging and fun boot camp inspired obstacle course on our field. They also engaged all of our campers in a connective Q&A session. We are deeply grateful for their time. **Their involvement in this week makes the OPC week extra special!**

CAMP FIRE GEAR DRIVE

In April, Camp Fire hosted a new and gently used gear drive to collect gear for youth attending our summer programs. Camp Fire knows how important it is for all youth, including Operation Purple Campers, to have the gear they need to participate fully in camp and your support makes that possible. Thank you to all of our Gear Drive supporters! And thank you to Big Ray's for joining us as our Gear Drive partner.



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