

# Operation Purple Donor Report

## Operation Purple Supports Children of Active Service Members



Thanks to YOU, Camp Fire hosted two weeks of Operation Purple Camp this summer, doubling the amount of Military youth that got to experience it. **128 military youth** attended Operation Purple Camp in June and July, and **another 50** military youth received full scholarships to attend one of Camp Fire Alaska's other summer camps. These young campers spent the week making new friends, learning new skills, sharing their experiences, having fun, and laughing A LOT!

## 2019 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### *Communication Skills*

Activities such as the 'Wall of Honor' helped campers open conversations with their peers. They shared with each other not only how they love and respect their military parents, but also their concerns, worries and struggles with military life.

### *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.

### *Military Experience & Teambuilding*

On "Military Day", members from the U.S. Air Force came to camp to provide youth with their very own "military" experience. They created an obstacle course to teach the campers Individual Movement Techniques like the high crawl, low crawl, and moving under cover. Plus, each session got a visit from special guests from Senator Sullivan's and Senator Murkowski's offices.

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The relocating aspect of military life is the most difficult. Making friends is always hard on children ...OPC has helped my son become more outgoing. He was usually one who wouldn't participate in skits and songs because he doesn't like the spotlight. Seeing pictures of him on stage with other kids, laughing and playing with new friends made this camp worth it.

2 weeks, 128 Kids, thousands of pictures...

Memories that will last a lifetime.

*Thank you!*

**FUNDRAISING TOTAL: \$80,675**

*128 Campers | 50 Additional Scholarships*

## Ages of Youth Participants

Age 7 - 8	Age 9 - 10	Age 11 - 12	Age 13 - 14	Age 15 - 17
20%	36%	29%	12%	3%



*A group of Operation Purple campers ready for a week of adventure!*

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The hardest aspect of military life is dealing with deployments ... With the service member gone it puts a lot of responsibility onto the spouse and in turn, it puts a lot more responsibilities onto the children. Operation Purple Camp allowed my child to just be a kid and forget about the stress of military life.

**Operation Purple Camp made  
possible thanks to our  
2019 SUPPORTERS**

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