

Summer Camp Resources 2016

With spring in full swing, it's time to start scheduling summer programs for your Family. Fun, educational summer activities can help your children avoid the academic "summer slide" by keeping their brains active, and providing opportunities for them to travel, connect with other military children, and gain new experiences.

4-H Camping Opportunities - Camp can be a life-changing experience for your child, fostering quality bonds between peers, character development, healthy habits, independence, and resilience. 4-H offers day and overnight camps that provide fun, hands-on, experience-based learning. Each camp is unique, but many offer similar activities and resources, including: archery, school enrichment, challenge courses, hiking trails, outdoor education, and team building. (In certain states, non-4-H members can attend 4-H camp.) Please contact your local 4-H office at 4-h.org/get-involved/find-4-h-clubs-camps-programs.

Military Teen Adventure Camps - Military teens (14-18 years old) interested in high energy, high adventure, and high experience camps have an opportunity to participate in Military Teen Adventure Camps offered at little to no cost across the U.S. Each camp is different, and allows youth to build leadership, self-confidence, and teamwork skills, while participating in a unique outdoor experience, traditional camp activities, and building relationships with other military-connected teens. Visit ag.purdue.edu/extension/adventurecamps.

YMCA - The YMCA has more than 130 years of experience in providing a safe, thriving environment for young people to explore personal interests, build self-esteem, develop interpersonal skills, discover the creativity and health benefits of the outdoors, and make lasting friendships and memories. To join the experience, find your camp at ymca.net/find-a-camp/

Operation Purple Camps - The National Military Family Association has collaborated with outstanding camp partners to continue supporting military kids by providing a camp where they connect with other kids just like them. At Operation Purple Camp, we embrace being "purple" and bring together military kids from all ranks and services, including National Guard and Reserve components, to a unique and memorable summer camp experience. Visit militaryfamily.org for more information.

Camp Corral is a free, one-of-a-kind summer camp for children of wounded, disabled or fallen military service members. Since its founding, in 2011 as a one camp pilot program, Camp Corral has grown over 700%. Over 6,500 children have been served and the program has expanded to 23 camps in 19 states. Although any child from a military family is eligible, registration priority is given to children of wounded, disabled or fallen military service members. campcorral.org/

Where to Look for summer Camps ?

American Camping Association—acacamps.org

Camp Erin, Moyer Foundation-Bereavement Camps moyerfoundation.org/programs/camperin_about.aspx

Special Needs Camps—seriousfunnetwork.org

Special Needs Camps- kidshealth.org/en/parents/finding-camp-special-needs.html

Kids & Teen Summer Camp Guide-allensguide.com



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For more information on resources and programs, please visit: ARFP.org/CYSS

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