



Camp Kiwanis
2613 Old Wildcat Bridge Road
Danielsville, GA 30633
706-795-2098

Information Sheet



When: July 19-25, 2009 (Sunday – Saturday)

Where: Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta (Camp Kiwanis) Danielsville, GA

Camper Eligibility Criteria and Selection Guidance:

(NMFA will also post this information on their website at www.operationpurple.org)

This camp is open to ALL military children from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force, both active duty and National Guard or Reserve, as well as families of the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

First priority is given to children who experience a deployment between September 2008 – December 2009 and **HAVE NOT** attended OPC before

Second: Children who fall into the 15-month deployment window and **HAVE** attended camp before

Third: All other military children, regardless of the service member's deployment status.

Confirmation of selected & waitlisted candidates will be by email on May 4, 2009.

Campers are youth 9-14 years old as of January 1, 2009.

Purposed: Youth 9-14 years old (55 camper spaces available) – 25 (9-10 year old); 20 (11-12) and 10 (13-14 year old).

NMFA -Pre-Registration is required online at www.operationpurple.org .

Then ones accepted and on waitlist will need to **download Camp Kiwanis paperwork at <http://camp-kiwanis.tripod.com/default.htm> Please complete & **return by June 8, 2009** to Lee Fox at 2613 Old Wildcat Bridge Road, Danielsville, GA 30633. The selection process and confirmation of campers for the 55 slots were awarded according to the NMFA & American Camping Association Standards. **If you have any questions about the selection process, please refer to the FAQ's at www.operationpurple.org or email operationpurple@nmfa.org.** A Boys & Girls Club membership application is required and entitles your child to a one year free membership.**

PAYMENT

Operation Purple Camp is fully funded by the National Military Family Association through the generous contributions of the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and The Sierra Club. **Cost – Free* but a**

Hold My Spot Deposit – \$25.00 check made to NMFA that is given back according to guidelines below.

If your child(ren) is/are selected to attend an Operation Purple Camp session in 2009 a confirmation fee, which may be reimbursable, of \$25.00 for individual camp applicants or at most \$50.00 per family will be required with the submission of the camp registration packet. The fee shall be paid in the form of a check sent in with the required camp forms. The check will be returned when the camper shows up for the first day of camp or with cancellation notice to the camp via email or phone call no later than two weeks (14 days) prior to the camp start date. Failure to show or cancel within the allotted time will forfeit the fee and result in your child being ineligible to attend future Operation Purple programs.

CANCELLATIONS

All cancellation requests must be received 2 weeks prior to the scheduled start date of camp - July 19, 2009. This allows us to send invitations to other campers who are on our wait list. Mail to: Operation Purple Camp, Camp Kiwanis, 2613 Old Wildcat Bridge Road, Danielsville, GA 30633. Or Call: 706-795-0970 or FAX 706-795-3461 or e-mail lfox@bgcma.org. I will be calling 2 weeks prior to your camp date to confirm your attendance.

Operation Purple Camp at Camp Kiwanis is a residential camping opportunity (July 19-25, 2009) for youth of military personnel. Our camp is a small camp that focuses on the environment – teaching outdoor living and youth development skills. We do not have the high risk activities; except for Kayaking for the oldest age group. Campers are grouped by developmental age. A counselor and counselor in training (14-17) along with 8 to 10 campers become like a family having to go through the daily decision making process, setting goals, learn to deal with others in a positive way.

ACTIVITIES

Archery, Tubing, Orienteering, Fishing, Nature study, Team Building, Natural History (William Bartram, Creek and Cherokee cultures, Georgia's frontier in 1773...etc), Kayaking (13-14 Years Old), Field games (lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, soccer, volleyball), Camp Songs and Poetry, Arts and Crafts, Camp Craft – outdoor living skills, Night Hike, Goal Setting, Leader of the Day, Service Project, Story Telling, Evening Programs, Pottery,

Travel Logistics: *Please refer to PDF Directions to Camp Kiwanis*

CAMPER ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES

Arrive - 2:00 p.m. - Sunday, July 19, 2009 at Franklin Hall. Please bring your child's luggage and prescribed or over the counter medicine to the Franklin Hall. On the way to the Franklin Hall a staff will direct you as to where to leave your child's luggage. After an initial health screening, youth will be put into their pre-assigned groups that is according to age (9-10; 11-12 & 13-14).

Saturday, July 25, 2009 Closing Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. at the Franklin Hall followed by check out.

On the last day of camp campers look forward to seeing their family members at closing ceremony, so please be on time. After health screening, camp staff will return any inappropriate materials taken up on Monday and medicine to the campers. Parents are invited to have lunch with us at 12:00 and join us for the awards ceremony at 1:00 p.m. For your child's safety, no camper will be released without a valid signature on the sign-out sheet.

HOUSING

- Campers are housed in log cabins. The shower house is located a short distance from the cabins.
- The beds are bunk-bed style. Please refer to the **“What to Bring List”**.
- Personal belongings may be packed in a sturdy suitcase or duffel bag.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Campers are discouraged from bringing to camp any valuable personal items such as iPods or other portable music players, radios, walkmans, electronic games, jewelry, cellular phones, beepers/pagers, and **money is not needed** – no camp store. Camp Kiwanis *will not* assume liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property.

MEALS AT CAMP

Our camp kitchen provides three well-balanced approved USDA meals each day and a snack in the evening. Our kitchen is inspected by the Madison County Health Department; and meals are prepared by local cooks with experience in school and lunch programs.

HEALTH FORM

Proof of a health examination by licensed medical personnel within the past 24 months is necessary for attendance at camp. Please be sure to list updated immunization records with the enclosed Health Form, which needs to be received by Camp Kiwanis by June 8, 2009.

HEALTH SCREENING

Camp Kiwanis is not responsible for any preexisting medical conditions prior to the first day of the session. Upon arrival at the Camp Kiwanis, a health screening will be performed with each participant. This health screening is a non-evasive procedure that looks for common communicable health items. It is a simple review with the participant of the health form.

MEDICATION

In addition to noting any medicine(s) your child may require on the Health Form, please follow these steps:

- Medication must be in **original container** with **original label** including easily read and understood pharmacy instructions. If you would like to add a note or personal instructions, you are welcome to do so.
- All medication must state:

Camper's Name

Doctor's Name and Phone Number

Name of Medication

Dosage and Frequency

- Please be sure to include enough for the camp duration.
- Give all medications to the Health Aide on registration day upon your child's arrival to camp.
- Any "bee-sting kits" or asthma inhalers may be kept on the child's person as requested by the parent.
- Please be aware that the camp staff can not perform injections.

ILLNESS & PARENTAL CONSULTATION

- Camp Kiwanis is not responsible for any preexisting medical conditions prior to the first day of the session.
- If your child becomes sick at camp, the First Aide person will contact you and/or your emergency contact and discuss appropriate action. We do not administer any meds other than prescribed medications stated on health form. We will call to get permission to administer Tylenol or any other medication.
- Camp Kiwanis provides secondary insurance coverage for participants who have joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta. That means in event of injury the family insurance would cover the cost and whatever their insurance didn't cover camp's insurance would cover the rest.
- Parents or emergency contacts will be notified if a child requires a hospital or doctor visit.
- If a child cannot remain in camp due to illness or injury, it is the family's responsibility to pick up their child as soon as possible.

LOST AND FOUND:

In order to limit the number of items in lost and found, please mark each article your child bring to camp with his or her full name. If you find that your camper has left an article of clothing, please call Camp Kiwanis directly at 706-795-2098 with a description of the item. We will contact you if your item has been found and arrange for pickup or delivery. Any remaining items at the end of camp will be donated to several local charities. Camp Kiwanis is not responsible for loss or theft of articles.

PHONE CALLS

Campers are not permitted to make or receive phone calls while at camp. If you must get an important message to your camper, call 706-795-2098. The camp office is staffed from 8:00am to 6:00pm for routine calls and a staff member is on-call each night for emergencies.

MAIL AT CAMP

Campers look forward to getting mail every day, so we invite you to write your child as often as you like. Because mail does take two to three days, we suggest you mail a letter or two a few days before your child leaves for camp.

DRESS CODE - If clothes disrupt the camp environment, campers may be asked to change. We require midriffs to be covered and undergarments not be exposed. No clothing or t-shirts are allowed that send violent, gang, or inappropriate messages - strictly enforced.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

Campers are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. Inappropriate behavior will be discussed with the child when it occurs. Negative behavior effects more than just the camper involved in the misconduct, it affects all those around them. We deal with negative behavior through our guidance and discipline form. It is based on reality therapy. In essence, we describe the problem, review the consequence and set a new behavior goal. Goal accomplished we celebrate success through recognition program. If the camper continues the same behavior and doesn't learn from his/her mistake. Then we are forced to give him/her their second discipline slip and call the parents to help use solve the problem. Continued misbehavior will result in a third slip and dismissal from camp.

In the event that a camper brings drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, weapons, or explosive devices (including fire crackers) to camp, parents will be contacted immediately to dismiss the camper. Camp Kiwanis also reserves the right to store camper's personal items that may be inappropriate to their stay. Items will be returned at the end of the week. If a camper is destructive to camp property the parent will be contacted for appropriate payment and/or dismissal from camp. Camp Kiwanis reserves the right to dismiss any camper due to violence, bullying, or other destructive behavior.

HOMESICKNESS

- Homesickness is a very natural reaction to separation from familiar surroundings and routines. Here are a few things you can do before your child comes to camp to help ease the transition:
- Help your child understand that homesickness is natural.
- Emphasize that your child is "going" to camp; you are not "sending" them.
- Avoid saying "I'm going to miss you so much. I can't wait for you to come home." Instead, say "I'm so excited for you! You'll have a great week!"
- Share your own positive camp experiences.
- While camp is a great experience, don't forget that it is still a camp. There should be no surprises when a child discovers a spider as a cabin mate, and that the trip to the bathroom requires a walk outside to the main lodge.
- Strongly avoid statements like "If you don't like camp, you can come home."
- Children who are experiencing difficulties adjusting to camp will compound the situation by not giving it a fair chance and instead focus on going home.

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About NMFA—The National Military Family Association is the only national organization whose sole focus is the military family and whose goal is to influence the development and implementation of policies that will improve the lives of the families of the seven uniformed services. For more than 35 years, its staff and volunteers, comprised mostly of military family members, have built a reputation for being the leading experts on military family issues. Visit www.nmfa.org for more information.

OPERATION PURPLE CHECKLIST

Please make sure you have completed all the forms and mailed them to Camp Kiwanis. Plus fill out the OP application online.

Required Paper work:

- Operation Purple Application done online - at www.operationpurple.org
- OP Photo, video, & audio Consent & Release Form
- OP Hold Harmless Agreement Form
- Camp Health/Application Form
- BGCMA Membership Application Form
- Code of Conduct Form
- OP Permission to work with Behavioral Health Counselor
- Bring a photo of your family Service member
- Hold My Spot – Check for \$25.00 made payable to NMFA – meet requirements and it is refundable.

Forms – information purpose only:

- Direction to Camp Kiwanis
- What to Bring Form
- Information Sheet

Mail forms to:

**Camp Kiwanis
2613 Old Wildcat Bridge Road
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Attn: Lee Fox**

Contact info:

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