

# Wounded Warrior FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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## Camps and Retreats

### Operation Purple Healing

**Adventures** is a family camp experience for active-duty or medically retired service members who were wounded or experienced emotional trauma or illness related to their service in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), or Operation New Dawn (OND). Members of the National Guard and Reserve may be either in activated or drilling status, provided their injury was sustained while on active-duty status. Food, lodging, and activities are provided at no cost, though families are responsible for their own transportation. Upon request, limited financial assistance for family travel may be made available on a case-by-case basis.



In 2012, the National Military Family Association is partnering with the United Services Organization (USO) to offer three Operation Purple Healing Adventures. Each camp will be held at



select regional locations that provide activities in an outdoor setting designed to help participants rediscover family fun after an injury. **Gather more information and apply today.**

**Operation Purple Family Retreats** are designed to help families reconnect after experiencing the stresses of deployment.

They are a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, try new things, make friends, and enjoy quality



time together as a family. These four-day retreats take place in beautiful National Parks and are led by experienced outdoor educators.

Six Operation Purple Family Retreats are planned for 2012. Retreats are open to service members and families who have experienced deployment within the last 15 months. Although travel expenses are not included, families who attend will receive a \$200 stipend per family to offset the cost of their travel before departing from the retreat site.

**Operation Purple Camps** offer a free week of summer fun, in 14 different states, for military kids with parents who have been, are currently, or will be deployed. The goal of the camp program is to give military children tools to help deal with the stresses that result from a parent's deployment

## Welcome to the Navy Safe Harbor Family Newsletter!

During April we recognize the Month of the Military Child, which underscores the important role children play in the Armed Forces community. Today, there are more than 1.2 million military children, and, since 2001, approximately 2 million children have experienced deployment of a parent.

Therefore, this edition of the Navy Safe Harbor Family Newsletter is filled with great information and opportunities for the children and teens of our seriously wounded, ill, and injured service members. And, speaking of our military kids, if you missed the first edition of the Navy Safe Harbor Family Newsletter, please be sure to check it out for a list of free memberships available to active-duty families.

Very Respectfully,

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