



The *Operation Purple* Experience

Many children are experiencing multiple deployments or have more than one parent or family member deployed. The stories from those who attended *Operation Purple* summer camps offer a glimpse of the heavy emotional and psychological burden that falls on the sons and daughters of those who fight America's wars. The goal of this free summer camp is to bring together youth who are experiencing some stage of a deployment and the stress that goes along with it. *Operation Purple* camp OKLAHOMA gives kids the coping skills and support networks of peers to better handle life's ups and downs.



The camps' outreach programs provide the skills and positive outlets for their feelings, but it's the camaraderie campers are able to build with one another that's so important. One of the best things about *Operation Purple* camp OKLAHOMA is that these kids get to be with those who know what they are going through and they have the chance to share in some carefree fun, maybe more than they've had in quite a while.



The application time period is from 15 March-1 May 2007. Applications are available at www.operationpurple.org . For additional information contact the Youth Center at 405-734-7866.

