

## USA Girl Scouts Overseas-North Atlantic Chosen to Host National Military Family Association's Popular *Operation Purple*® Summer Camp

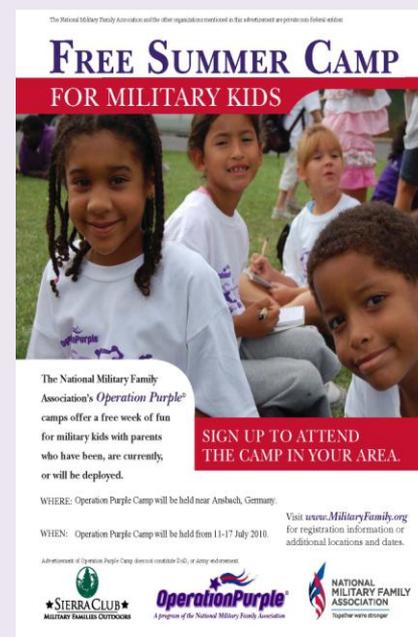
HEIDELBERG, Germany - The National Military Family Association announced that USAGSO-NA was chosen to host their popular *Operation Purple* summer camp in 2010. The Association developed this free summer camp program in response to the need for increased support for military children, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed. Girl Scouts are partnering with TransAtlantic Council Boy Scouts of America and the Child, Youth and School Services (CYS Services) to serve girls and boys ages 9-12 in the European Theater.

“Our mission is to empower these military children – our youngest heroes – to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. Kids attending *Operation Purple* camp will have the opportunity to learn the skills to cope the stress of a deployment and make friends with other kids who are also missing their mom or dad,” said Mary Scott, the Association’s Chairman of the Board. “The National Military Family Association is excited to work with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and CYS Services on this very worthwhile program.”

Operation Purple Camp will be held from 11-17 July at Camp Lachenwald at Franken Kaserne near Ansbach Germany. By partnering with the Boy Scouts and CYS Services, USA Girl Scouts Overseas can host Operation Purple Camp and serve both boys and girls. This provides a respite for parents and allows siblings to be together for this experience. This is an outstanding opportunity for the children of our military who are deployed or deploying.

### Registration for *Operation Purple* camp begins March 15, 2010.

Applications will only be accepted online. Sign up at [www.operationpurple.org](http://www.operationpurple.org) to receive email notices and camp updates. Each camp is “purple” and open to children of service members of any branch of Service, active duty, National Guard or Reserve, as well as



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## FREE SUMMER CAMP

FOR MILITARY KIDS

The National Military Family Association's *Operation Purple*® camps offer a free week of fun for military kids with parents who have been, are currently, or will be deployed.

**SIGN UP TO ATTEND THE CAMP IN YOUR AREA.**

WHERE: Operation Purple Camp will be held near Ansbach, Germany.

WHEN: Operation Purple Camp will be held from 11-17 July 2010.

Visit [www.MilitaryFamily.org](http://www.MilitaryFamily.org) for registration information or additional locations and dates.

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children of members of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

Camps are free to all participants' thanks to support from the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.

**About the National Military Family Association** Military families serve our country with pride, honor, and quiet dedication. The National Military Family Association is the leading nonprofit organization committed to strengthening and protecting the families of the men and women currently serving, retired, wounded or fallen. We provide families of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and NOAA with information, work to get them the benefits they deserve, and offer programs that improve their lives. Our 40 years of service and accomplishments have made us a trusted resource for military families and the Nation's leaders. To learn more, visit [www.MilitaryFamily.org](http://www.MilitaryFamily.org).