



Dear *Operation Purple*<sup>®</sup> Camper & Family,

Congratulations! We're so excited for you to join us at *Operation Purple*<sup>®</sup>: Villanova hosted by Spark the Wave! Our camp will be at Villanova University from July 17-22.

Included in this message is information for you about your *Operation Purple*<sup>®</sup> camp! Please make sure that you do each of the following things:

- **Register on Spark the Wave's website by filling out the application.** Please do so online at <https://cui.active.com/camps-reg/login?a=78801>. You have already been accepted, but this will help us get all of your information into our database.
- To secure your spot at *Operation Purple* Camp Villanova, send a "**Hold My Spot Deposit**" of \$25 to:  
Spark the Wave  
PO Box 40038  
Washington, D.C., 20016  
Please make checks payable to the National Military Family Association. This is to ensure that kids don't "no show" an *Operation Purple* camp. This check will not be cashed and will be returned to you when you arrive at registration on July 17.
- **Complete the attached Special Needs Assessment.** Please do this even if your camper does not have any special needs. It is required by the National Military Family Association, and it will help us prepare better for your camper.

Please complete these tasks by **June 1**. If your plans have changed and you are not longer able to attend *Operation Purple* Camp Villanova please let us know as soon as possible so we can make room for other children.

In an effort to go green, Spark the Wave has put all of its camp information online. Please visit the "Info for Parents" page on our website at [http://www.sparkthewave.org/programs/op\\_parents.php](http://www.sparkthewave.org/programs/op_parents.php) to find more details. Look for the following:

- Frequently Asked Questions for Parents & Guardians
- Camp Rules
- OP Contacts & Schedules: Emergency numbers and a brief schedule of the week. .
- Camp Packing List
- Directions to and map of the Villanova campus

Make note of these important dates and times:

**Arrival: Sunday, July 17**

- **1 – 2 PM:** Check-in (Good Counsel Hall)
- **2:30 PM:** Opening Ceremony (Donahue Hall). Friends and family are invited to stay!
- Plan on eating lunch before you arrive.



**Donor Appreciation & Family Visitation Night: Tuesday, July 19** 6:30 – 8:30 PM (Donahue Hall). Since your family is “donating” you for the week, they are invited to drop in and see *Operation Purple* Camp Villanova in action!

**Closing Ceremony: Friday, July 22** (Donahue Hall).

- **4:30 PM:** Please stay for our closing ceremony and project presentations!
- **6:00 PM:** Goodbye! Please have a ride already set up to leave Villanova at this time.

**Pre-Camp Service Project:** Look for an e-mail in June outlining our Pre-Camp Service Project. This year’s theme will be Youth Helping Youth. We will focus many of our projects and talks through that lens. We hope you will help kick off *Operation Purple* Camp Villanova with a successful project!

For more information, visit <http://www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/operation-purple/traditional-camps/faqs.html>. There you will find answers to frequently asked questions, more information about the “Hold My Spot Deposit,” and a suggested packing list for camp. You can also find more information on Spark the Wave at <http://www.sparkthewave.org>.

Don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. If not, we look forward to seeing you July 17!

Until then –

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