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LET'S GROW CAMP

Camp Corral Partnership

YMCA Camp Weaver has partnered with Camp Corral since 2014 to provide a no cost overnight camp for 160 military children. The entire session of overnight camp is dedicated to military kids who have a parent that has been wounded in action or fallen while serving in the military.

Camp Corral was started by Golden Corral, a long-standing supporter of American veterans and is committed to honoring military families and service members. Golden Corral was the founding sponsor of Camp Corral in 2011, and continues to provide generous support to the organization, now a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.

The vision behind Camp Corral is one where kids, ages 8 to 15, are free to be kids, far away from the day-to-day challenges they face as children of military service members and veterans. Campers have the priceless opportunity to connect with other kids who understand the unique challenges that come with military life. The top-quality programming at Camp Weaver teaches the skills needed to build emotional resilience. The positive effects may follow a child for a lifetime.

Having one or both parents deployed and away from home for over a year is the norm for children from military families. The lives of military families have changed enormously since September 11, 2001. Unprecedented levels of deployment and the increased reliance on Reserve and Guard members mean that the number of American children with a parent who is a service member or veteran has increased dramatically. These children face unique challenges and make sacrifices beyond their years. They deserve a unique program like Camp Corral, which provides them with the opportunity to build emotional resilience in a camp setting.

What our camper parents are saying about their children who attend Camp Corral...

- 98% made friends
- 86% learned a new skill
- 95% feel like they belong
- 88% became more confident
- 85% improved their ability to overcome challenges

By creating a new cabin village we are able to serve at least 300 Camp Corral children and provide more housing for camper support staff. Currently we offer one session that fills to capacity in a few days and has a huge waiting list. We would also have the ability to offer multiple sessions of Camp Corral. There is significant demand and need to expand this program to more children in North Carolina, a state rich with many major military bases and reserves/national guard units across the region.