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My name is Sydney Morgan, I am 16 years old and I am the daughter of Army Medical retiree and who is also 100% disabled American Veteran. My dad served 2 tours, one in Iraq and one in Afghanistan as a infantry man. My dad did not come back the same from his tour to Afghanistan. To get him help we went to the VA multiple times a week, i feel i grew up there at times. My dad never really came back from war in his head. My mom always was looking for resources to support our family. She came across Operation Purple Camp, which is no longer in Oregon, that worked with Oregon Summer Star. At the age of 8 years old I went to Oregon Summer Star for the 1st time. I was scared at 1st to gone that long away from home and my mom. With going to camp that year at 8years old all the way thru till now I didn't have to be scared or worry about my dad or thar my mom and sister were ok. I got to just be a kid and play, laugh and have fun! This camp now I know was my respite from the war at home I lived in. I have built amazing lifetime friendships and memories from Oregon Summer Star.

Oregon Summer star has built an amazing opportunity to support Military kids. I hope that you guys support this non profit so more Military kids have this opportunity like I did.