



Georgia 4-H Military Camp Impact

Overview

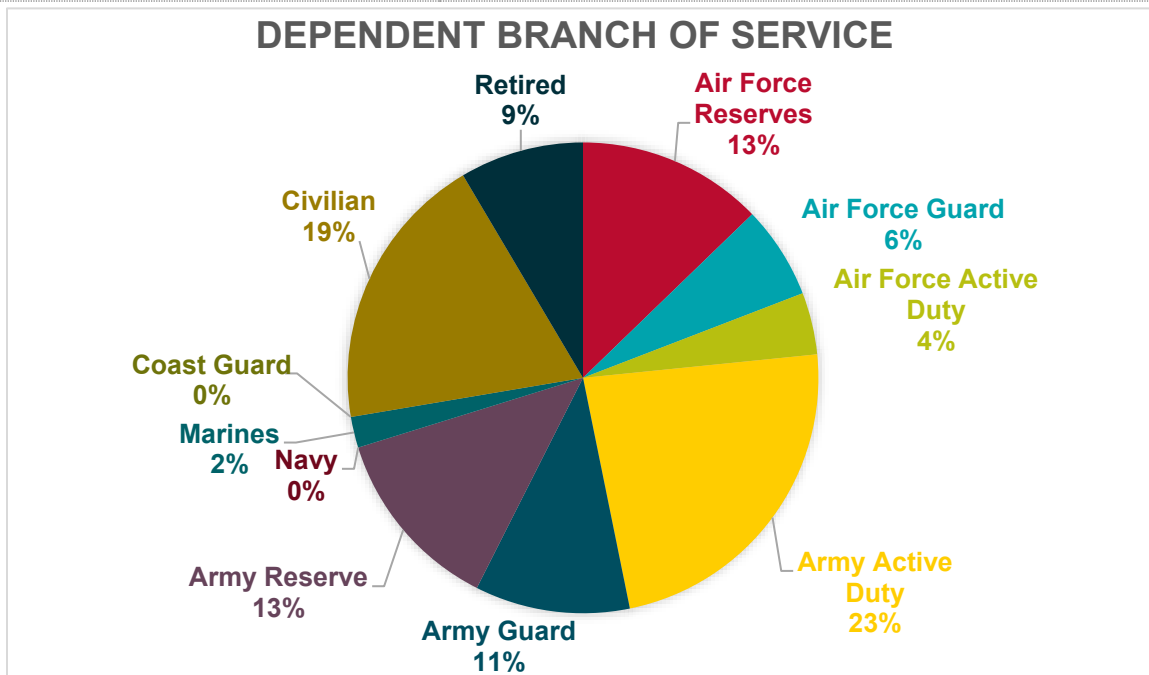
The Georgia 4-H Military Partnership provided military teens with positive ways to cope with military life through two DOD-funded camps in June. The Joint Extreme Summit occurred from June 20 - June 24, 2022, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. The 3-day Outdoor Military Connection Retreat occurred from June 29- July 1, 2022, at Wahsega 4-H Center. Georgia 4-H Military camping programs are available to military dependents from all service branches.

Goals

To bring military teens together in a camping context to allow both formal and informal learning to occur. Participants developed a greater understanding and scope of the military and connected with military-affiliated individuals through shared experiences. Youth were challenged to connect with nature and try new activities outdoors like canoeing, shotgun, herpetology, challenge course, camping in tents, outdoor cooking, hiking, and wildlife encounters.

Camp Participants

Total Youth Participants: 46



Youth Participant Numbers Per Camp

Military-Extension Adventure Camp	46 youth
Joint Extreme Summit, June 20 – 24, 2022 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center	24 youth
Military Outdoor Connection Retreat, June 29 – July 1 at Wahsega 4-H Center	22 youth
Grant: Department of Defense and the United States Department of Agriculture	

Showcase

Acceptance of all teens no matter their background, gender, race, religion.

Dependents of all service branches are eligible to attend the Military 4-H Camps.

Value in parents service is highlighted and youth are supported by trained staff.

Excellent volunteers serve to make an impact as cabin chaperones and mentors.

New recreational activities expand youth skills.

Teens experience independence through camp participation.

Understanding that there is a network of military teens experiencing similar situations.

Recreational experiences provide entertainment and create a sense of group.

Environmental workshops provide an opportunity for youth to connect with the outdoors.



Participant Impact Statements

Joint Extreme Summit

“Helped me have my first camping experience.”

“Helped me by giving me some new experiences, like shotguns and archery.”

“Helped me make friends and to challenge myself.”

“Helped me learn new things and meet new people.”

“Helped me be better with outdoors and less scared.”

Outdoor Military Connection Retreat

“3 days was perfect for me because this was my first camp away from home. It was an amazing start.”

“It made me feel accomplished.”

“I explored new things.”

“My favorite activity was “free time and flying squirrel.”

“I enjoyed the 3-day camp, because it wasn’t too long or too short.”

