



WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!

USO TOUR

The Comfort Crew for Military Kids in collaboration with the **USO** is visiting schools on and near US military bases around the world, delivering support to military kids and their classmates. The With You All the Way! Tour is an exciting, educational presentation lead by Comfort Crew for Military Kids hosts such as award-winning Trevor Romain and acclaimed singer and actress Julie Frost.

Since 2010, the **With You All the Way!** Tour has visited over 150,000 military kids in over 16 countries. The presentations share vital, yet upbeat, messages that emphasize the importance of caring for one another and developing valuable strategies for dealing with *Bullying, Homework, Cliques, Facing Fears, Staying Healthy*, and the unique challenges of military life.

Please email tour@comfortcrew.org for additional questions or to request an agreement packet.

"I was so happy you came to our school today... you made us think and then you made us laugh, and for awhile I forgot I was feeling a lot of hurt about deployment."

— Kelsey (Military Kid)

"I think what touched them was that no matter what situation the children find themselves in, is that there is someone there to support you and they're with you all the way."

— Janina Cleveland (Counselor)



Transition 360 Alliance™



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What does the presentation consist of?

FOR GRADES K-2:

- **Core Message**
(15 Minutes): Presenters educate students on the importance of friendship, kindness and supporting one another.
- **Interactive Session**
(15 Minutes): Presentation creates an awareness of key emotions through an engaging activity that includes songs and stories
- **Closing**
(15 Minutes): Presentation closes by identifying the audience's support network in each other, as a school community. Presenters reiterate the importance of expressing difficult situations so no one is alone in how they feel.

FOR GRADES 3-5 AND 6-8:

- **Core Message**
(25 Minutes): Presenter shares personal, heartfelt stories to help connect with the audience. Issues like bullying, cliques, and homework as well as challenges like frequent moves, deployment, and reintegration are introduced.
- **Movie**
(25 Minutes): From Trevor Romain's Award winning PBS series, the animated clips talk to kids in their own language about the challenges introduced during the core message.
- **Interactive Session**
(25 Minutes): Led by the presenter, this integral part of the presentation allows children to express their feelings, fears and concerns in a safe environment.

A highlight reel of the Tour can be viewed at comfortcrew.org/withoutour.html



What is the goal of the presentation?

The presentation will help kids learn to manage and express their feelings in a safe environment. We will discuss strategies to help children become Happier, Healthier, and More Confident.



What do the follow up resources include?

Shortly after the tour visits, the Comfort Crew for Military Kids will provide military kids at each school a FREE kit containing age appropriate materials courtesy of the USO.

- The Military Child Empowerment Pack is a kit designed with age appropriate materials. It contains six, full-length, episodes of Trevor Romain's award-winning animated PBS TV series, a journal for the child, and companion materials, for parents. Empowerment Packs are separated between grades 1-3 and 4-6.
- The Military Youth Resiliency Pack is a kit designed for kids grades 6-8. It contains a journal, With You All the Way! Poster, dogtags, With You All the Way! Pen and stylus and the companion family guidebook.



Who can attend the presentation?

- Presentations are broken up by grades K-2nd, 3-6th or 6-8th audiences
- Students, parents, teachers, counselors, administrators
- Civilian and military kids (only military kids receive follow up resources)



What does the school need to provide?

- White projector screen or blank wall space
- Electrical outlet
- School staff, including at least one counselor
- A space big enough for students to sit assembly style on the ground (i.e. Auditorium, Library, Gym, etc.)



With You All The Way! Tour for K-2

The **Comfort Crew for Military Kids** and the **USO** are visiting US military bases around the world, delivering support to military kids and their classmates. The With You All the Way! Tour was created by award-winning TV personality and children's book author, Trevor Romain. Since 2010, the With You All the Way! Tour has visited over 150,000 military kids in over 16 countries sharing a vital yet upbeat message. The show emphasizes caring for one another and developing strategies for dealing with the unique challenges of military life. We are excited to bring a new presentation to the With You All the Way! Tour developed for grades K-2.



What Schools Need to Know About the Presentation

- The With You All the Way! Tour is a free presentation, no hidden fees! The show is sponsored by the USO.
- Presentations occur in an assembly style format. The presentation is geared towards grades k-2.
- Each school should provide a white projector screen for the video and access to an electrical outlet.

What to Expect During the Presentation

- While the presentation focuses on teaching life-long lessons and encouraging positive communication, on occasion, children may feel emotional during the show — we welcome this! This is an opportunity for them to express themselves in a healthy manner.
- School staff can be a great support and resource for kids during and after the presentation. We encourage school counselor/s to attend.

Follow-up Resources

Shortly after the presentation, The Comfort Crew for Military Kids and the USO provide military kids at each school a FREE kit containing age appropriate materials. The Military Child Empowerment Pack designed for kids grades K-2 contains six, full-length episodes of Trevor's award-winning animated PBS TV series, a journal for the child, and companion materials, including a journal for parents.

More information is available at comfortcrew.org/withoutour.html

The **Presentation** consists of three main parts, developed to keep students engaged and excited.

1 The Core Message (15 minutes)



The K-2 "With You All The Way" tour is a high-energy presentation to teach the importance of friendship, kindness, and supporting one another. The presentation will increase awareness of feelings, involve children through interactive activities, songs, and stories, and teach life skills for connecting with others. The presentation is uniquely focused to target the difficult scenarios military families face every day, such as frequent moves, deployments, and reintegrations.

2 Interactive Session (15 minutes)



Following the Core Message, the presentation creates an awareness of key emotions through an engaging activity that includes songs and stories.

3 Closing (15 minutes)



Presentation closes by identifying the audience's support network in each other, as a school community. Presenters reiterate the importance of expressing difficult situations so no one is alone in how they feel.



With You All The Way! Tour for 3-6

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What Schools Need to Know About the Presentation

- The With You All the Way! Tour is a free presentation with no surprise costs for you or your students. The show is sponsored by the USO.
- Presentations occur in an assembly style format.
- The presentation has a version developed for second through sixth grade students and one for middle school students.
- The presentation runs one hour and 15 minutes.
- Each school should provide a white projector screen for the video and access to an electrical outlet.

What to Expect During the Presentation

- While the presentation focuses on teaching life-long lessons and encouraging positive communication, on occasion, children may feel emotional during the show — we welcome this! This is an opportunity for them to express themselves in a healthy manner. Tears are not always a sign of discomfort or sadness; often they are a sign of relief or empathy for others.
- School staff can be a great support and resource for kids during and after the presentation. Although it is common to feel uncomfortable when a child expresses themselves in the form of tears, this can be an opportunity for kids to see how much support they have.

Follow-up Resources

Shortly after the presentation, The Comfort Crew for Military Kids and the USO provide military kids at each school a FREE kit containing age appropriate materials. The Military Child Empowerment Pack designed for kids grades 3-6 contains six, full-length episodes of Trevor's award-winning animated PBS TV series, a journal for the child, and companion materials, including a journal for parents.

A highlight reel of the Tour can be viewed at comfortcrew.org/withyououtour.html

The Presentation consists of three main parts, developed to keep students engaged and excited.

1 The Core Message (25 minutes)



Trevor shares personal, heartfelt stories from his lifetime spent working with children and he gets the audience feeling comfortable with his unique brand of humor. Challenges like frequent moves, deployment, and reintegration are introduced and discussed alongside issues like bullying, cliques, and keeping up with your school work.

2 The Movie (25 minutes)



Following the Core Message, animated video clips from Trevor's award-winning, PBS series extend information on these issues pertinent to military and non-military students, and connect the children with each other through animated characters just like them. The movie is followed by the popular With You All the Way! Music Video, delivering messages of support from all over the world.

3 Interactive Session (25 minutes)



Led by Trevor, this integral part of the presentation allows children to express their feelings, fears and concerns in a safe environment. Trevor wraps up the presentation with positive messages of support and encouragement, and reinforces the healthy coping strategies the students have learned.



With You All The Way! Tour for 6-8

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What Schools Need to Know About the Presentation

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- Presentations occur in an assembly style format.
- The presentation has a version developed for second through sixth grade students and one for middle school students.
- The presentation runs one hour and 15 minutes.
- Each school should provide a white projector screen for the video and access to an electrical outlet.

What to Expect During the Presentation

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- School staff can be a great support and resource for kids during and after the presentation. Although it is common to feel uncomfortable when a child expresses themselves in the form of tears, this can be an opportunity for kids to see how much support they have.

Follow-up Resources

"Shortly after the presentation, The Comfort Crew for Military Kids and the USO provide military kids at each school a FREE pack containing age appropriate materials. The Military Youth Resiliency Pack designed for middle school students contains a journal, dogtags, and With You All the Way! pen and stylus."

A highlight reel of the Tour can be viewed at comfortcrew.org/withyououtour.html

The **Presentation** consists of three main parts, developed to keep students engaged and excited.

1 The Core Message (25 minutes)



Trevor shares personal, heartfelt stories from his lifetime spent working with youth. He builds trust and rapport with his unique brand of humor. Challenges like frequent moves, deployment, and reintegration are introduced and discussed alongside issues like bullying, friendships, and making good choices.

2 The Movie (25 minutes)



Following the Core Message, students view an animated video developed with the input of their peers. TTRC will build on their knowledge gained to create the award-winning, PBS series and will extend information on these issues pertinent to military and non-military students, normalize the experiences growing up in a military family, and connect youth with each other through animated characters.

See the movie at comfortcrew.org/tourmovie.html

3 Interactive Session (25 minutes)



Led by Trevor, this integral part of the presentation allows youth to participate in a discussion and express their feelings, fears, and concerns in a safe environment. Trevor wraps up the presentation with positive messages of support and encouragement and reinforces the healthy coping strategies the students have learned.



WITH YOU ALL THE WAY! TOUR FORM

*** REQUIRED ***

The Comfort Crew for Military Kids is very excited to present the With You All the Way! Tour at your school.

In order to better prepare ourselves for our visit to your school and provide follow-up resources in a timely manner, we request the following information be sent at least two weeks in advance.

All fields must be completed.

Please return by email to tour@comfortcrew.org or fax to Woody Englander at 512.480.8815.

Date/Time/Total Number of Children at each School Presentation:

	Date	Time	Total # of Children Attending
Presentation 1			
Presentation 2			
Presentation 3			

Total Number of Military Children at Your School By Grade Range:

K—2		<i>These numbers will determine level and number of follow-up resources sent, compliments of the USO, and will be shipped once form is recieved.</i>
3—5/6th		
6/7th—8th		

Kit Shipping/Receiving Information:

School			
POC Name			
Email	Address		
Phone Number			
Social Media Address	Street		
*Counselor Name	City	State	Zip

* At least one counselor is suggested to attend the presentation

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