



# Kadena Youth Sponsorship Program

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE



**YOUTH PROGRAMS**



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We are excited that you will be coming to Kadena AB.

We have a terrific youth center with awesome programs and youth. We know you will have fun and make a lot of new friends while you are here. Kadena has plenty to offer youth ages 6-18. Our program is affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, 4-H, and the National Alliance for Youth Sports, so the sky is the limit on what we offer. In addition to our youth center, the base has 2 outdoor swimming pools, a lot activities through outdoor recreation that includes paintball, the Kadena Marina, and many other recreational activities. On base we have elementary, middle school and high schools. For more information on the base and local area please refer to your sponsorship package.

Check out our Kadena FSS Webpage: <https://www.kadenafss.com>

We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable trip to Kadena AFB in Okinawa, Japan and look forward to meeting you. Please call or email us as soon as you arrive so the fun can begin:

Teen Center: 634-8443  
Himawari SAC: 632-0202  
Shima No Ko SAC: 634-1314  
Youth Center: 634-0500  
Youth Sports: 634-1384

[18fss.youthcenter@us.af.mil](mailto:18fss.youthcenter@us.af.mil)

Sincerely

Youth Programs Staff

## Request for Pen Pal/Youth Sponsorship

So...you're moving! Are you nervous? Scared? Excited? Would you like to talk with someone your age, with similar interests about what you can expect with you arrive? Let us know. Take a few minutes to complete the information below and either mail to (Kadena Youth Programs, Unit 5135 Box 10, APO, AP 96368 or return electronically to [18fss.youthcenter@us.af.mil](mailto:18fss.youthcenter@us.af.mil).

|                                        |                |                      |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Name:                                  | Age:           | Grade:               |
| Mailing Address:                       | Email Address: |                      |
| Home Phone                             | Cell Phone:    | Parent's Work Phone: |
| What is your approximate arrival date: |                |                      |

What do you like to do? Check next to any/all of the activities listed below that you like to do.

|                          |                                  |                          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arts and Crafts                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drama                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dance                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Piano                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cooking                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Write (poetry, stories, letters) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Skate – board or blade           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Read                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Computer (games, internet, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hang out with friends and talk   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Shopping                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Movies                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Water Sports                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Team/School sports               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:                           |                          |                                  |

Write in this space anything you would like us to know about you.

What questions do you have about our youth center, installation name, and the surrounding community?

I give my consent for my child's name and contact information for the purpose of participating in the Kadena Youth Sponsorship Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

# Youth on the Move

A Handbook and Resource Guide for Military Youth

Created by and for the youth/teens at  
Kadena AFB



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## Living at Kadena – What’s it really like?

### School Age Care

We have two nationally accredited School Age Care locations that provide quality school-aged care for children ages 5 through 12 attending elementary school on Kadena Air Base. We offer before and after school care with transportation to and from school. When school is not in session we provide all-day care. During winter, spring and summer breaks, we operate weekly camps, offering field trips, extended activities and many guest speakers.

Resource and Referral and Militarychildcare.com can assist with enrollment.

[18FSS.FSFYP.ResourceReferral@us.af.mil](mailto:18FSS.FSFYP.ResourceReferral@us.af.mil)

<https://militarychildcare.cnic.navy.mil/mcc-consumer/home/viewhome.action>

Both Programs have active Facebook Pages:

Kadena School Age Care – Himawari

Kadena School Age Care – Shima No Ko

### Preteen and Teen Programs

The Youth Center is located in the housing area on the corner of Melville Ave and Fairchild; building 1849, phone # 098-961-0500. Look us up on Facebook @ Kadena Youth Center. The Teen Center is located on the corner of Kuter and Vincent, across the street from the library; building 499, phone # 098-961-3866. Look us up on Facebook @ Kadena Teen Center and on Instagram @kadenateencenter.

Programs include BGCA, 4H, AFAS, Trips, Clubs, Crafts, Sports, Gaming, Community Service, Instructional Programs, Camps and Daily Activities.

Torch Club (ages 9-13) and Keystone Club (ages 13-18) are character and leadership clubs that meet weekly. If you would like to join Torch or Keystone information please contact: [18fss.youthcenter@us.af.mil](mailto:18fss.youthcenter@us.af.mil)

Instructional classes include Gymnastics, Judo, Tae-Kwon-Do, Dance, Guitar and Piano.

**Kadena AB Youth Sports and Fitness**  
**Projected seasons**  
**Subject to change without notice**

## Kadena Youth Sports and Fitness

### Season Calendar 2022-2023

**Must have up-to-date immunization and sports physical upon registration.**

| SPORTS                     | Soccer 5-15yrs old     | FIRST STEPS                               | Baseball 5-15yrs old | FIRST STEPS                             |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                            | VOLLEYBALL 9-15yrs old | Soccer                                    | SOFTBALL 9-15yrs old | Baseball                                |
|                            |                        | 3-4yrs old                                |                      | 3-4yrs old                              |
|                            |                        |                                           |                      |                                         |
| Registration               | Soccer                 | Registration starts                       | Baseball             | Registration starts                     |
| (until the teams are full) | 2~31 May 2022          | 1~30 May 2022                             | 1~29 Oct 2022        | 1~29 Oct 2022                           |
| 8 Weeks out                | Volleyball             |                                           |                      |                                         |
| from first practice        |                        |                                           | Softball             |                                         |
|                            | 2 May ~31 May 2022     |                                           | 1~29 Oct 2022        |                                         |
| COACHES MEETING            | July 26 2022           |                                           | Dec 7 2022           |                                         |
| PARENT MEETING EMAIL       | July 13 2022           |                                           | 14-Dec-22            |                                         |
| Practice Begin             | 8-Aug-22               | <i>Session 1</i><br>9 July - 13 Aug. 2022 | 9-Jan-23             | <i>Session 1</i><br>7 Jan - 11 Feb 2023 |
| Games Begin                | 26-Aug-22              | <i>Session 2</i><br>9 July - 13 Aug. 2022 | 27-Jan-23            | <i>Session 2</i><br>7 Jan - 11 Feb 2023 |
| Games End                  | 5-Nov-22               |                                           | 1-Apr-23             |                                         |
|                            |                        |                                           |                      |                                         |
| Length of Season           | 12 weeks               | 6 weeks                                   | 12 weeks             | 6 weeks                                 |

**DSN: 634-1384 or 634-3062**

## **Other Places to check out....**

Bowling Center - Building 113, 966-7303 Cell: 050-5865-1895

Golf Course – Building 12, 966-7321 Cell: 050-5865-1893

Outdoor Recreation has Paintball - Building 614, 966-7343 Cell: 050-5865-1899

Pools – Outdoor, (Building 4351) 966-7343 Cell: 050-5865-1899

Fitness Centers – Risner (Building 109) 634-5128

## **Things to Know**

Okinawa, the principal island of Okinawa Prefecture's 160 or so islands, is often referred to as the "Keystone of the Pacific" because of its strategic location relative to major Far East cities. Kadena is located about 900 miles from Tokyo, Manila, Seoul and Hong Kong, and about 1,200 miles west of Guam. The island is 67 miles long and varies from 2-17 miles wide. The climate compares to U.S. southeastern coastal areas, making it perfect for those who enjoy swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, golfing, boating and taking part in other recreational activities.

Temperatures range from the mid-90s to high-40s and humidity is relatively high throughout the year. With the heat and high humidity, mold and mildew can be a problem. Plan accordingly when packing goods to be shipped to Okinawa and be prepared to deal with the moist climate when you arrive.

With our normally warm, sunny climate, you will have an opportunity to trek the miles of sandy beaches, enjoy local attractions and visit neighboring islands. Since Okinawa is in "Typhoon Alley," high winds and rain periodically affect the island between July and November. In May, the island usually experiences its rainy season, which lasts about 30 days.

**Driving** – Must be 18 years of age to drive off base. 16 yr. olds can obtain a driver's license to drive on Kadena AB. Contact Schilling Community Center for the most up to date info on how to obtain a driver's license if you don't have a stateside license. Okinawans drive on the left side of the road. Most new arrivals find the change takes some getting used to; however, you will quickly master it. Pedestrians must also adjust and should look to the right before stepping off a curb. You also will have to learn the international road signs and know Japanese road signs.

**Jobs** - Must be at least 16 years old for employment, some positions require 18. The Human Resource office is located in building 723, phone number 634-2330. Jobs are also posted on the website <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

**Volunteering** – Youth Programs are always in need of volunteers for sports and programs to include numerous community service events.

**Schools**- Kadena has 4 Elementary, 2 Middle and 1 High School. Our School Liaison Officer can be reached at: [robert.chance.7@us.af.mil](mailto:robert.chance.7@us.af.mil)

**Curfew** – Applies to all persons under the age of 18 must be in quarters or with parent/designated adult during restriction times.

Off Base - Within Okinawa Prefecture: 2200-0400 Sunday through Saturday

On Base - 2200-0530 weekdays (Sunday night through Thursday morning)

2400-0530 weekends and holidays (Friday morning through Sunday morning or from the evening preceding a holiday through the morning of that holiday)

## **Websites**

Youth Program; [www.kadenafss.com](http://www.kadenafss.com)

FSS Squadron; [www.kadenafss.com](http://www.kadenafss.com)

Military Kids on the Move; [apps.mhf.dod.mil/myom](http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/myom)

Boys & Girls Clubs of America; [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org)

4-H; [www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org](http://www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org)

Military Child Education Coalition; [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)

## Youth Sponsorship Program Participant Survey

*We want to ensure we have the best Youth Sponsorship Program possible. Please help us by answering the following questions.*

Do you agree with the following statements?

|                                                                    | Strongly Agree           | Agree                    | Disagree                 | Strongly Disagree        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| The Youth Sponsorship Program helped me learn about our community. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Youth Sponsorship Program helped me make new friends.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I had fun while I participated in the Youth Sponsorship Program.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

What did you like best about the Youth Sponsorship Program?

How did the Youth Sponsorship Program help you when you moved here?

What did you not like about the Youth Sponsorship Program?

What would you change about the Youth Sponsorship Program to make it better?

Would you like to get more involved in the Youth Sponsorship Program?

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Yes (Please contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_)

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No