**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What is YSP?

The Youth Sponsorship Program (YSP) is a program that helps you connect with another kid in your new location. The program staff and youth members can help answer any questions you might have.

* Make a new friend. He or she can introduce you to more friends.
* Engage in fun activities and trips.
* Get a tour around the installation and your new school.

2. What is YSP mission statement?

The mission of the Navy Youth Sponsorship Program is to help educational imbalances by empowering all youth through a stream of continuous support to provide stability, leadership skills, sustain academic learning, provide a connection between school and peers, to produce competent citizens.

3. What is YSP vision?

The Navy Youth Sponsorship Program envisions a collaboration between today’s youth, mentors, and educators in which a community is developed to assist today’s military child with the challenges associated with the military lifestyle, through outreach support prior to transition, then continuous support upon the child’s integration to the new location, which will produce positive quality citizens with leadership skills and stability capable transitioning into adulthood.

4. Why should I get involved?

* Get familiar with your new school and installation while making new friends.
* Participate in activities such as dances, flag football, soccer and weekly movie nights.
* Attend field trips such as Disney Sea, hiking in Mt. Fuji and playing paintball.
* Learn fun and valuable skills such as cooking, and creating your own music and videos, volunteering for KeyStone Club, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and

4-H Club.

* Work with the Teen Summer Hire program.
* Attend a youth culture course to learn about the local language, food, Jiu Jitsu or karate and more.

5. How can you sign up for the Youth Sponsorship Program?

* The parent or guardian will need to register their child at the Fleet Family Support Center (FFSC) Office to participate in the Child Youth Program’s Youth Sponsorship Program (CYP YSP).
* Your child will need to attend an Area Orientation Brief and Intercultural Relations (AOB/ ICR) meeting. He or she will need to register at the Central Registration Office to attend to this meeting before they can attend to the other YSP events and field trips.
* After these steps above are completed, you will register your child/children for the Child Youth Program Youth Sponsorship Program (CYP YSP) then choose any YSP event based on your child/children’s interest.

Contact Phone Numbers:

FFSC: 264-3628/3372

School Liaison Officer (SLO): 264-4732

Central Registration Office: 264-3588/6212

Youth Sports: 264-3826

Teen Center: 264-3826

School Age Care Center: 264-3878

6. Field Trips, Meeting Schedules, and Youth Sponsorship Area Orientation Briefings

* Bring a Suica/Pasmo card with you.
* A Suica/Pasmo card cost 500 Yen and you can only deposit 1000,2000,3000 Yen increments. The train ticket machines do not take coins for Suica/Pasmo cards.
* It is strongly encouraged to make sure your child has extra yen to use for meals, shopping, and other expenses that he or she will need for these events/trips.

7. Cancellation Policy

There are two cancelation policies:

* **AOB ICR**: If we do not have 3 or more children participating, the meeting will be canceled. This also applies for field trips. If the field trips or events are canceled, we will contact you by phone and email to notify you any new notifications of the YSP events.
* **Cancellation for a field trip.** You can cancel a field trip or an event the day before the trip date before 4 P.M.

The youth will ride ITT buses or take the train as a group to commute back and forth for activites in the summer.

8. Does YSP have a Facebook page? Where can I find more information about the Youth Sponsorship program?

* No, we do not have a Facebook page. However, you can find our Youth Sponsorship Program page at NavyMWRAtsugi.com. Our page is located under the Child and Youth tab. You can access YSP program information, applications, current AOB classes and other information.

<http://www.navymwratsugi.com/programs/7eebd3f7-ce77-4b1c-8da3-8134a72c5033>

9. How do you benefit from Navy Youth Sponsorship?

* Make friends who are experiencing similar situations such as: moving, deployment, and losing friends/making new friends in a whole new different base.
* Youth Sponsorship provides a support system where you can participate in activities based on your own interests and make friends who share the same interests as you.
* Life Skills such as camping, cooking, and teambuilding (through sports).
* Engaging in school activities such as Keystone Club, Boys and Girls Club and youth sports.
* Learn more about what our Teen Center programs.

10. What activities and opportunities are available for you in the YSP?

* Match incoming friends that share the same interests and hobbies.
* A social lunch group.
* Installation and school tour.
* Provide lists of “ What’s Cool” for the area.
* Pool and pizza parties, and bake-off contests.
* Field trips such as hiking adventures to Mt. Fuji, Disneyland, and indoor rock climbing.
* Community service opportunities through the Keystone Club.
* A youth culture course to learn about the local languages, food and arts.
* Follow-up student’s success of transition in program.

11. What is a pop up?

* A pop up is a random activity that is occurring on any given day of the week at the Teen Center. Pop up activities can include anything from a homemade ice cream activity, to hula hooping contest, or a water balloon fight.

12. How can I apply for the Youth Sponsorship Program?

* You must register at the Fleet Family Support Center (FFSC) to go through an AOB meeting. After attending to an AOB meeting, you will become an official Youth Sponsorship Program Club member.