

Yearly Events and Sport Activities

- Sesame Street Live, January
- Spring Flag Football Sign-up, 1 - 28 February
- Baseball Sign-up, 1 - 30 April
- Egg Scramble, Saturday before Easter
- Family Fair, April
- Summer Camp Registration, 1 April
- Fall Flag Football Sign-up, 1 - 31 July
- Instructional Classes, Registration 1 August
- Fall Soccer Sign-up, 1st session, 1 - 15 October
- Basketball Sign-up (5 - 12 yrs), 1 - 31 October
- Soccer Sign-up, 2nd session, 1-15 December



**Offutt AFB
Youth
Programs**

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United Way of the Midlands

The Offutt AFB Youth Activities Program is a recipient agency of the United Way CHAD. Contributions can be made to the United Way at the time of the Combined Federal Campaign. Perhaps you would consider designating part of your contribution to the youth at Offutt AFB. If so, look for the agency number in the list that is provided and annotate the number on your pledge form. These funds are used towards our programs for dependent youth and families.

Without the support from United Way, the Offutt AFB Youth Programs would not be able to sustain the quantity and quality of programs available to the youth. We would like to thank United Way for the generous contributions and support throughout the year.

No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Congressional Award

The Congressional Award is about challenging yourself. The program is a fun and interesting way to involve yourself in something new or something that you already enjoy. To earn each award you must set goals in four different areas; volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration. Please call Youth Programs at 294-5152 for more information.

Y.E.S. Program

The Y.E.S. Program is an on base volunteer program for high school students that are dependents of active duty Air Force members, 14 - 18 years old. This program gives students an opportunity to learn valuable work skills, bank dollar credits toward their post-secondary education, and have a positive impact on their base community. Y.E.S. allows high school students to bank \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered. The base will be credited with \$2 for every hour to be used in support of base Youth Programs enhancements. Please call Youth Programs at 294-5152 for more information.

Address

Offutt Youth Programs
55 FSS/FSFY
Offutt AFB, NE 68113

Phone Number

294-5152
294-1686

Location

Capehart Housing
25th & Hruska

Check out Services Online!

<http://www.offutt55fss.com>

Welcome to the Offutt Youth Programs



This Youth Programs brochure has been designed to acquaint you with many of the programs provided by the Offutt AFB Youth Programs. We believe that our Youth Activities Program is one of the finest and largest in the Air Force and welcome you and your family to become a part of it.

We offer recreational activities in an environment that is safe yet allows children to make choices, develop friendships, and grow socially as well as emotionally.

Year-round activities are available for dependent youth, ages 5 through 18, of active duty, retired military, DoD personnel, and contractors. Some programs do have size limitations and are open to active duty military dependents only.

The Youth Center is located by the Capehart Theater and the Shoppette in Capehart housing. We invite you to stop by and check us out or give us a call at 294-5152.

Related Youth Programs

Numerous opportunities are available for Offutt's youth, just to name a few:

Civil Air Patrol

Numerous opportunities await young men and women ages 13 (or seventh grade) through 17, who join Civil Air Patrol (CAP). CAP develops youth interest in aerospace and helps mold our aerospace leaders of the future. For more information, call the Base Liaison Office at 294-5960.

Boy Scouts

There is an extensive Boy Scout Program at Offutt for boys 6 years and older. Special interest Explorers Posts are available for both boys and girls age 14 (or 8th grade) to 21. Call the Mid-America Council Office at 431-9272 and ask for the Wagon Wheel District Representative.

Girl Scouts

Offutt also has an active Girl Scout program for girls in grades Kindergarten through 12. Most scouting activities are scheduled during the school year with camping activities scheduled during the summer at two local Girl Scout camps. The Girl Scout Council office phone number is 558-8189.

4-H

Over 100 projects are available for ages 5 - 18 in the 4-H program. Special events include contests, camps, county fairs and mini-courses periodically conducted at the Youth Programs.

Youth Soccer Program

An indoor soccer program is offered by the Offutt Youth Programs. Leagues are offered for youths ages 10 through 18. There are two sessions - one beginning in October and one beginning in January.

All games will be held at the Offutt Field House. Registration for the first session is October 1st through the 15th. Registration for the second session is December 1st through the 15th. Register at the Offutt Youth Programs.

Participants may sign up individually or as a team. Special release of liability will be required for all children who have no affiliation with the base. Teams with military players will have first priority for playing.



For additional info about any activity listed in this brochure, please call the Youth Programs at 294-1686 or 294-5152.

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Youth Programs Policies

Conduct

When a youth, either a member or a guest, participates in a Youth Programs activity, he/she must accept certain responsibilities. These responsibilities are based on common sense and respect for others. We have a minimum number of guidelines which the participants must follow:

Proper respect of staff members must be observed at all times.

Persons damaging or defacing furniture, equipment or property will be held financially responsible for such damage.

Members and guests may not enter the Youth Center for any reason except during the designated time period for their age group.

Everyone entering the Youth Center must show their membership card, military I.D. and sign in on the appropriate form. Participants are required to sign in and out each and every time upon entering and leaving the Youth Center.

Youths are not permitted in the office at anytime unless authorized by a Youth Programs staff member.

No obscene or abusive language is permitted at any time.

There will be no demonstrations of affections beyond that which is proper and in good taste in public.

Only gym shoes are permitted for wear in the gym.

All persons using the Youth Center must present a neat and clean appearance. Provocative, immodest or disorderly clothing will not be worn.

There is no smoking in the Youth Center or within 75 feet from the building.

Persons suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be admitted to the Youth Center. Consumption of alcohol or drugs in or around the Youth Center will not be tolerated. If a person is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the parents and/or Security Forces will be notified.

Food or drink is to be consumed only in the snack bar area or outside the Youth Programs.

No gum chewing in the Youth Center.

When wearing a baseball hat in the building, it must be worn with the visor of the hat in front, not backward.



The new Air Force fitness and nutrition program for youth between the ages of 9 and 18.

**It's time to get up, get out and get fit!
You can have fun,
earn points and win prizes!**

To sign up as a Fit Factor Member, please stop by Youth Programs. Any questions please call Michele at 294-1686.

4-H Clubs

The Youth Programs is an active member in 4-H. Preteens ages 9 - 12, have been participating in many 4-H Clubs such as cooking, photography, embryology, and a robotix club. Teens ages 13 - 18, are learning to crochet and also using 4-H programs to help them prepare for college. The School-age Program (kindergarten - 6 th grade), has added 4-H Clubs into their curriculum.

The clubs vary in length, which meet once a week. Many other clubs will be implemented throughout the summer and upcoming years.

Please call the Youth Center at 294-5152 for more information.

Wanted Sports Volunteers

In our Sports Program we are seeking coaches who can communicate with players while teaching them skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. If you would like to assist, please call the Youth Programs. All volunteers must have First Aid, CPR, and Blood Pathogen Certificates, a background check, and be NYSCA certified.

The first coaches meeting:

Soccer	October, December
Flag Football	August
Baseball	April
Basketball	October

The first official's meeting:

Basketball	November
Baseball	May



League Commissioners play an important role in the sports programs. It is necessary that commissioners help with the administrative side of the program. An average knowledge of the sport, some organizational skills, and an ability to communicate with other adults are the main requirements for the positions.

Misconduct

Youth Programs membership may be restricted or suspended by the Youth Programs Director for violation of Youth Program policies. The length of suspension or restriction will be based upon:

- * The seriousness of the offense.
- * The frequency of rule violations by the youth involved.
- * The attitude of the youth toward the rules of the Youth Programs as determined by the Youth Programs Director and staff.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified by telephone anytime a youth has been asked to leave the Youth Center for any reason.

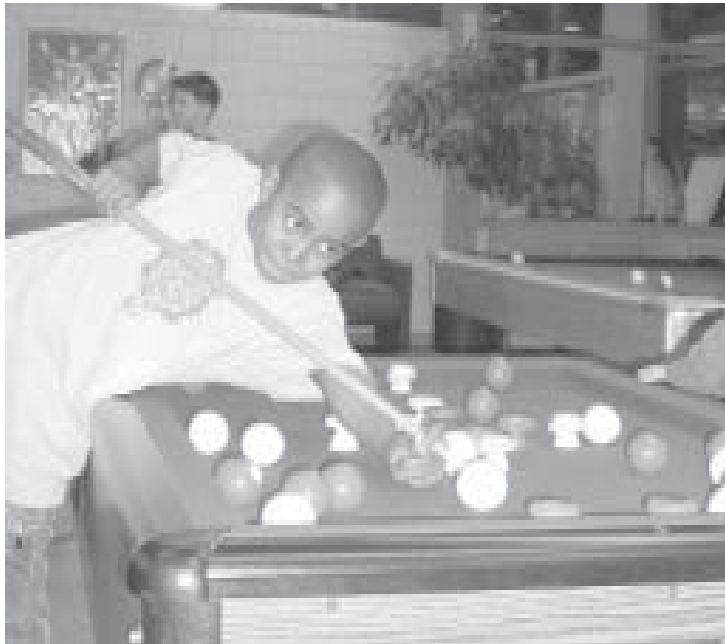
If a youth has been in trouble on the base and/or community (i.e. burglary, shoplifting, drugs, theft, etc.), he/she may receive a suspension from the Youth Programs.

Youth Programs Payment Policies

1. A \$27 registration fee must be paid at the time of registration, though certain exceptions may be made only with Youth Programs Director approval.
2. Registration forms will not be accepted by Youth Programs staff without payment.
3. Youth Programs activities are not pro-rated. There is no second or third child discounts.
4. All programs have a deadline for payment.
5. All military youth must be members of the Youth Programs to participate.

Refunds Policy

1. All refunds must be approved by the Youth Programs Director.
2. Refunds will be made if the following conditions are met:
 - (a) Class or event has not started and participant request a refund.
 - (b) If a participant becomes seriously ill or injured. In this case, the participant's refund will be prorated according to the time he/she has participated in an activity.
 - (c) Class or activity is cancelled or postponed.
 - (d) Partial refund of membership is refunded with a copy of military PCS orders.



Basketball

A strong intramural basketball program is offered through the Youth Programs. Leagues are offered for children ages 5-12. Groups in leagues may change depending on the number of participants.

Practices and all games will be held at the Youth Center. Registration is held October 1st through the 31st.



Teenage Basketball is now called, "Operation Night Hoops".

This new league is exclusively for teenagers and games will be played on Friday and Saturday evenings between 7 - 11 p.m. from May until July. Features of the league include a variety of teen oriented events, games and life-skills workshops for players and friends on game nights. The league is the creation of Kid's Sports Network that promotes quality sports for kids. Operation Night Hoops has two leagues - girls and boys.

Flag Football

Flag Football is a coed sport and two sessions are offered:

Fall Session - Sign-up 1 - 31 July, practice last two weeks of August. Season starts the first Saturday in September.

Spring Session - Sign-up 1 - 28 February, practice starts the last two weeks of February, season starts the first weekend in April.

Flag Football has two leagues: Young Division - ages 6 - 8. Junior Division - ages 9 - 12.

Membership Usage Fee

Parent(s) should register their children at the Youth Center to obtain membership. Membership is \$27 per year.

Membership fees are paid yearly.

Membership ID card (pocket size)

Teens	Green card	Ages 13 - 18 years or grades 7 - 12
Pre-Teens	Blue card	Ages 9 - 12 years or up to grade 6
Juniors	White card	Ages 5 - 8 years

Membership Participation Policies

1. Personnel authorized to use facilities are:

(a) Family members of military personnel 5 through 18 years of age.

(b) Family members of civilian personnel assigned to Offutt AFB, 5 through 18 years of age on a space-available basis.

(c) Civilian guests when participating as guests of authorized family members. Limit one guest per family member.

(d) Family members of military, civilian, and contract personnel as signed to Offutt AFB, under age 5 approved by the Youth Programs Director.

(e) No pre-teen or teenager will be allowed in the facility without membership and military ID card.

(f) Every pre-teen or teenager guest that is accompanied by a member will be allowed in the facility with a participation fee of \$2.00 and a photo ID including birth date.

2. All participants of classes, sports and Youth Programs activities must be registered. Registration in youth activities does not entitle participant to membership privileges.

3. Membership privileges do not include the Youth Program's playground.

Start Smart Programs

Parent - Child Programs

3 - 5 years old

Golf

Spring

Football

Early Fall

Baseball

Summer

Soccer

Fall

Basketball

Winter



Facilities

Facilities located within the Youth Center:

Dedicated Before and After School Area

- Includes: craft room, a kitchen, gymnasium, computer lab, multi-purpose rooms, playground, friendship corner, and learning room.

Preteen/Teen Area - Equipped with large screen television, computer lab, pool tables, foosball tables, bumper pool tables, quiet area, access to snack bar, arts & crafts, board games, gymnasium, and much more.

Dance Theater - Hosts ballet, tap and jazz classes

Multi Purpose Gymnasium - Host gymnastics and martial arts program. Used for before and after school programs.

Gymnasium - Equipped with six basketball hoops, volleyball, badminton, and fitness equipment.

Snack Bar - Refreshments such as hot dogs, popcorn, candy, soda, juice, cookies, nachos, chips, fresh fruit, and healthy heart items available.

During the school year, the facilities may be reserved for leadership workshops and meetings between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. by calling 294-5152.



Adult Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome in the area of arts and crafts instruction, leadership in basic games, and activities such as campouts, dances, picnics, swim parties, etc. Each volunteer will receive an orientation and training as required. All volunteers must have their First Aid, CPR, and Blood Pathogen Certificate and a background check. Call us at 294-5152 or 294-1686 if you can give us a hand.



Baseball and Softball

Offutt Youth Programs offers a summer baseball program for youths ages 5 through 12. The season begins the first weekend in June and ends in early July. Practices begin mid May. Registration is April 1 - 30 and takes place at the Youth Center.

The baseball program is divided into the following leagues:

League	Ages
T-Ball	5 - 6
Coach Pitch	7 - 8
Kid's Pitch	9 - 10
Kid's Pitch	11 - 12
Girl's Softball	9 - 15

All youth will be required to be current Youth Programs members and have had a sports physical within the last twelve months.



School Age Program (SAP)

School Age Program

The School Age Program is a before and after school service geared toward youth whose parent(s) work and have difficulty providing adequate transportation and supervision for their children 5 - 12 years of age. We provide the following service:

- a. Transportation to and from school
- b. Quality supervision during the hours parent(s) are absent
- c. A wide variety of recreational activities while children are enrolled in the program
- d. Assistance with developing proper study habits

Only schools that are located in the surrounding Capehart Housing area are currently accessible to our service. A continuous waiting list is kept for parents to register for this program. Cost is based on the DoD uniformed fee structure. Field trips will be an additional charge. Nutritional meals and snacks are provided and professional staff conduct educational and entertaining programs.

Summer Day Camp

The Summer Program offers youth ages 5 - 12 an opportunity to participate in a summer recreational program. Each day children will be exposed to new and exciting activities. The program begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m.

- Cost:** Based on the DoD uniformed fee structure.
All trips are optional and a separate fee will be charged.
- Lunch:** Lunch and snacks are provided.

It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that the children are dressed properly to participate in the program. Example: when swimming is scheduled, please pack a swim suit, towel, etc.

Suggestions or Complaints

Please feel free to stop in and visit. Patron feedback is an essential part of our evaluation process. We also appreciate any compliments that you feel are deserving for a job well done. There are customer comment cards available in the Youth Center's lobby or you may visit our Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) DoD Website at <http://ice.disa.mil>. Click on Conus, then Offutt, and then family category.

Class Instruction

Fall classes start the first week of September. Registration for classes starts August 1st, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. A special day in which the instructors will be present to answer questions will be held in August. Registrations will be accepted throughout the year on a space available basis.

Youths will be charged for classes unless they have a prolonged illness or injury, in which case they must notify the instructor or the Youth Programs staff. In some cases, make-up classes may be available.

The variety and number of classes, workshops, and mini courses are limited only by availability of space and/or instructors. If you have a talent you would like to share with our young people, please contact the Youth Programs. A minimum number of students will be required for us to support each offering. If the minimum number is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the course.

The following classes are available: Dance, Tumbling, Gymnastics, and Tae Kwondo.

More information on classes can be obtained by stopping by the Youth Center's lobby and picking up a class information sheet. Class times and dates are announced in the Air Pulse, Offutt Beaten Path, and a number of other news sources.

Youth Programs Winter Hours of Operation

September - May
(Based on school year)

Juniors

5 years through 8 years

Can only be in the facility when accompanied by an adult or enrolled in a structured program. Structured programs are considered school age program, organized recreational programs, special events and instructional classes. Parent(s) or siblings 16 years or older, must accompany children 5 - 8 years. Children in this age group cannot be in the facility past 6 p.m. if they are walk-ins.

Pre-Teens

9 years through 12 years (up to 6th grade)

Monday - Friday	3 - 6 p.m.
Saturday	Noon - 5 p.m.
Sunday & Holidays	Closed

Teens

13 years through 18 years (7th - 12th grade)

Monday - Friday	6 - 9 p.m.
Saturday	4 - 7 p.m.
Sunday & Holidays	Closed

Youth Programs Summer Hours of Operation

June - August
(Based on school year)

Juniors

5 years through 8 years

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Monday - Friday	Noon - 5 p.m.
Saturday	Noon - 5 p.m.
Sunday & Holidays	Closed

Teens

13 years through 18 years (7th - 12th grade)

Monday - Thursday	5 - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	4 - 7 p.m.
Sunday & Holidays	Closed