

Annual Day for Kids

Celebrate your family

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Families are arguably one of the most important things in the world, but sometimes during the hustle and bustle of life, family time is cut short. As a parent, guardian or parental figure, it's important to slow things down and take time to celebrate your children. Spend time interacting with them and make sure they are stimulating all of their senses and developing or honing an array of skills, talents and knowledge.

In order to foster important family time, we've created an event especially for kids and their families inspired by the Boys & Girls Club of America. What better way to celebrate your kids than to spend a whole day bonding with your family? Join us on Saturday, September 19 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Camp Foster Community Center and Fieldhouse for a day of fun in the sun at our Annual Day for Kids event. We'll have activities all day long that will be fun for children of all ages. Best of all, almost everything is free.

Throughout the day, your family will get to enjoy a carnival atmosphere with food, games, rides and entertainment.

We'll be offering some of your favorite American foods including popcorn, snow cones and more, and all proceeds from food sales will benefit the Single Marine Program.

We've designed this event so that the whole family will enjoy, and developed the activities to span all interest levels. For the enjoyment of kids young and old (or just the young at heart), we'll have a clown on hand to entertain and create amazing balloon animals and shapes for you to take home.

For the thrill seekers, we'll have a plethora of fun rides including a miniature train for kids of all ages (and their parent, if they are too young to ride alone), a bungee jump for both kids and adults, a dunk tank for all to enjoy and a bounce house for the youngsters.

If your kids like putting their talents and skills to the test, the Annual Day for Kids event will host a potato sack race and arm wrestling contest. To showcase their more creative side, we'll have an assortment of carnival-themed arts and crafts, as well as a cookie decorating station. Throughout the event we'll have

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Are you ready?

Schools face an extremely difficult task this time of year. In case of emergency, it is essential that students have updated emergency contact information on file with their school. Schools must be able to contact a parent if a student becomes ill or injured. Make every effort to list an emergency contact that can either reach you or pick up your child. This is especially important if one parent is deployed. It is essential to give the school any changes or updates in phone numbers immediately. A medical power of attorney is required when leaving children in the care of another for a period of time. Make sure to inform the school about who has a medical power of attorney. Protect your children—ensure they can receive medical treatment while under another person's care. Please take a moment to check the accuracy of and update your emergency contact information today to help ensure you receive information from schools in a timely and reliable manner during emergencies.

—Diana Mizell
USMC School Liaison Officer

entertainment to keep the whole family moving and grooving including a DJ.

Regardless of which events you chose to participate in, get out and enjoy all the time you can with your family and friends at our Annual Day for Kids event. For the most up-to-date information on this event, make sure you visit us at mccsokinawa.com/cytp. Here, you'll be able to see all the fun activities we'll be offering and a timeline to make sure you don't miss your favorite activity or contest.

If you can't make this event, don't worry! We offer numerous events every month to keep your children, youth and teens entertained, interacting and learning. Stop by any MCCS, Youth or Teen center to pick up our calendar of events and see what would interest your youngster. For a listing of all of our events, head to mccsokinawa.com/youth_centers or for the older kids mccsokinawa.com/youthandteen. **!ol**