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This Week at Fleet Activities Yokosuka



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CFAY Rings in the New School Year with DoWEA



**Story and photos by Sheryl Sullivan,
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Excitement filled the air across Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) as military-connected youth returned to the classroom for the start of the 2026–2027 Department of War Education Activity (DoWEA) school year.



Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) safety representatives and a Yokosuka City Police officer guide young cyclists through a bicycle safety course during the Back-to-School Bash. The collaborative safety course educated local youth on proper helmet fitting, hand signals and road safety protocols before the start of the new school year.



Runners wave to the camera during the annual Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Night Run outside the Purdy Fitness Center onboard Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY). Hosted by CFAY MWR, the evening event brought together participants of all ages wearing high-visibility gear to promote physical fitness and community wellness.

The first day was supported by weeks of preparation on both sides of the schoolhouse door. On base, that included the CFAY Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Back-to-School Bash, youth safety courses with local police and the annual MWR Night Run. Inside the schools, DoWEA teachers, staff and administrators spent the summer readying classrooms and planning lessons to welcome students back.

That momentum carried straight into opening day across all CFAY DoWEA campuses, including Ikego Elementary School, Sullivans Elementary School, Yokosuka Primary School, Yokosuka Middle School, and Nile C. Kinnick High School.

At Ikego Elementary School, installation leadership and CFAY mascot Yoko-Pon greeted students before the school's traditional first-day bell-ringing ceremony.

Bells have kept the rhythm of Navy life for centuries - struck to mark the watches at sea, sounded in fog and rung to announce the arrival of a commanding officer or honored guest aboard ship. Ringing students into a new school year carries that tradition ashore, welcoming the fleet's youngest family members the way the Navy has always marked an arrival.



Capt. Jon Hopkins, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), right, and installation mascot Yoko-Pon pose with students outside Ikego Elementary School on the first day of school, Aug. 24, 2026. Base leadership visited the campus to support returning families and underscore the installation's partnership with Department of War Education Activity (DoWEA) schools.

Capt. Jonathan Hopkins, commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, joined Josh Adams, the Ikego Elementary School principal, to address the returning "Fireflies," sharing that his own children also began their education at Ikego.

"This is one of the great privileges I have as base commander, I get to do fun events like this," Hopkins said before inviting a student volunteer to help ring the bell. "My charge to all the students this year: have fun, ask questions and encourage one another," he said. "Thank you for



Parents and students wait outside Yokosuka Middle School for the start of a new school year at Fleet Activities Yokosuka. The event marked the first day of classes for hundreds of military-connected children returning to the classroom after their summer break. (Photo by Airman Lara Llabres, CFAY Public Affairs)

all the support in the community and from all the parents out there. We appreciate your continued support of both the base and the schools here."



Cmdr. Andrew Cotherman, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka public works officer, greets students for the start of a new school year at Yokosuka Middle School at Fleet Activities Yokosuka. The event marked the first day of classes for hundreds of military-connected children returning to the classroom after their summer break. (Photo by Airman Lara Llabres, CFAY Public Affairs)

Similar traditions echoed across Sullivans, Yokosuka Primary, Yokosuka Middle and Kinnick High as educators and command representatives welcomed military families into the new academic year. Moments like the first-day bell are brief, but they put the partnership between CFAY and DoWEA on full display. Military kids handle more change than most, from new duty stations and new schools to a parent out to sea, and DoWEA teachers and staff are experts at helping them land on their feet. When families see the whole community show up on day one, they know their children are in good hands, and that peace of mind lets them focus on the mission. With routines now underway, that partnership of leadership, educators and families pulling in the same direction has CFAY's students set up for a strong year ahead.

For more information on DoWEA schools, homeschooling and other educational opportunities for children, contact the MWR School Liaison Officer at 046-816-5542 or mwr_yokosuka_school_liaison@us.navy.mil.

CFAY CYP Holds Ribbon-Cutting for Ikego Youth Programs Building

**Story and photos by James Kimber,
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Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka Child and Youth Programs (CFAY CYP) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the Youth Programs Building at Ikego Hills Family Housing Area in Zushi, Japan Monday, Aug. 10, 2026.

The facility offers a School Age Care Center, Teen Center, indoor basketball court, several multipurpose rooms, a kitchen, music room, laundry facilities, and staff offices to serve 150 to 175 military-connected youth of varying ages.

Construction on the two-floor, nearly 23,000 square foot facility began in July 2023 and is the first of two CFAY CYP facilities opening at Ikego Hills.

"We've been waiting for about three years and we're so excited that it's finally here," said Debra Fuselier, CFAY CYP director. "I was initially hesitant on the large size of the building, but



our team had an amazing vision on how to pull this all together. The teens have a dedicated place for them. Our tweens will have their own area. The younger children and eventually a UPK (universal pre-kindergarten) program. I'm so glad our kids will get to experience CYP the way they are designed."

Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Capt. Jonathan Hopkins, echoed Fuselier's sentiment.

"This is how we embrace our future generations," Hopkins said. "Providing our military children with world-class facilities for world-class families is how we give them the best opportunity to make friends, build healthy lifestyles, and learn new skills."

The building's opening follows other unique recent opportunities CFAY's military-connected youth have had provided.

Earlier this year, Far East Conference high school baseball players from various Department of War Education Activity (DoWEA) schools, including Nile C. Kinnick High School, converged on Yokosuka's Berkey Field for an





completed the American Red Cross VolunTEEN program at U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka, a six-week summer initiative allowed the hand-selected students to shadow and work safely under the supervision of USNH Yokosuka providers, nurses, hospital corpsmen, and other vital staff members across 12 different departments, including the emergency room, operating room, radiology, the laboratory, and various specialty clinics.

exhibition All-Star Game and pro scouting combine with Major League Baseball (MLB) scouts operating in Japan. The combine provided an opportunity to have statistics and data officially recorded. The event is designed to build camaraderie amongst the players and may even help open doors to potential college ball opportunities.

Last month, CFAY CYP launched the installation's first Teen Career Showcase, a weeklong program introducing teenage students to various career fields with hands-on experiences at multiple commands and CFAY offices throughout the installation. The initiative, held twice this summer, provided a behind-the-scenes look at what types of types of opportunities may become available depending on their choice of study.

Twenty-six military-affiliated teens recently



Designs for a future multipurpose community support center located near Jimmuji Gate boast an indoor pool, fitness facility, Child Development Center, a modernized Navy Exchange facility, and parking supporting approximately 150 personally-owned vehicles.

Other work includes two new Public Works shops with one providing permanent parking for school buses, and a significantly larger fire and emergency services station set to house as many as six fire fighting vehicles of varying classes.





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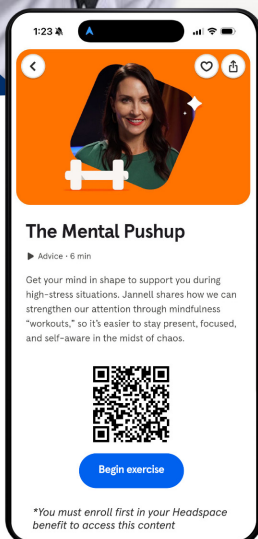


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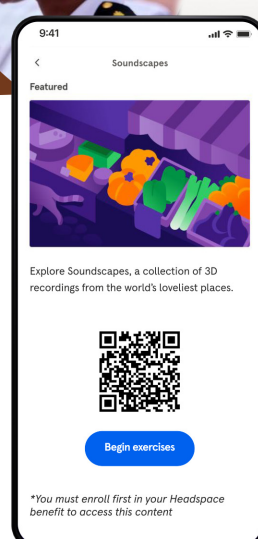


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THE NEW SANNO
OCTOBER 10, 2026

NAVY 25th BIRTHDAY BALL

DINNER DRESS BLUE
BLACK TIE

RANK	EARLY BIRD (AUGUST 5 – 14)	REGULAR
E1 – E4	\$40	\$45
E5 – E6	\$50	\$55
E7 – O3	\$65	\$70
O4 – O10	\$75	\$80
CIVILIAN	\$65	\$70

Standard-rate rooms are limited
Available on a first-come, first-served basis

yokosukanavyball@us.navy.mil

TICKET SALES

August 5, 2026 – September 16, 2026
Monday – Friday | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
In front of the Commissary



JAPAN

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

SAVE THE DATE

AUG. 27-28, 2026



GIVE PARENTS A BREAK

Saturday, Sept 5 • 2 - 8 p.m.

Location

**Gridley Lane CDC
& Ikego CDC**

**Children ages
6 weeks to 5 years* old**
*Pre-kindergarten



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September 5 - 6
Ikego Campgrounds

Come out to Ikego Hills and enjoy an evening full of activities before spending the night under the stars.



Register at the Outdoor Recreation Center from August 17 - 31.
For more information, please call 046-816-5732.

No Navy endorsement implied.

BEYOND THE GATE



Uraga Port Festival

Aug. 22 (Saturday)

4 to 8 p.m. (Fireworks start at 7:30 p.m.) | Uraga Historic Port Area (10-minute walk from Keikyu Uraga Station, KK-64)
Uraga, the famous place where diplomacy between Japan and the U.S. began, hosts its traditional festival in the historic port area. A dedication opens the festival. Traditional attractions lend entertainment to the evening and fireworks over the lantern festooned port conclude the evening.



Yokosuka Morning Market

Aug. 22 (Saturday) - 23 (Sunday)

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Ichigo Yokosuka Port Market (10-minute walk/3-minute drive from Yokosuka Base Womble Gate)
Experience Yokosuka's unique morning market, featuring fresh local agricultural and seafood products, carefully selected specialty foods, and charming handcrafted goods!

Kanazawa Fireworks Festival

Aug. 22 (Saturday)

7 to 8 p.m. | Uminokoen (3-minute walk from Kanazawa Seaside Line Uminokoen Minamiguchi Station, or Uminokoen Shibaguchi Station)

This festival sees more than 3,200 fireworks launched into the skies above the only swimming beach of the city of Yokohama. Uminokoen is a great location as there is plenty of space to settle in with a picnic and wait for the show.



Sancha Latin Festival

Aug. 22 (Saturday) - 23 (Sunday)

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Sangenjaya Fureai Venue (2-minute walk from Tokyu Sangenjaya Station, DT-03 or SG-01)
The Sangenjaya Summer Tradition, the Sangenjaya Latin Festival, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year! This two-day celebration features live performances, amazing costumes, and a great atmosphere. On Sunday, Aug. 23, various teams will take part in the Samba Parade, showcasing their vibrant and energetic dance performances as they make their way through the streets. Both days will also have performances and food stalls at Sangenjaya Fureai Square.

Minato Mirai Bon Odori Festival

Aug. 28 (Friday) - 29 (Saturday)

4:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Aug. 28)/4 to 8:30 p.m. (Aug. 29) | Rinko Park South Square (5-minute walk from Minato Mirai Line Minato Mirai Station, Keyaki-dori Exit 5, MM-03)
Looking out over the evening waters of Yokohama Bay, Rinko Park provides one of the most pleasant locations for one of Japan's most-loved summer traditions.

NEWS AND NOTICES

PHARMACY NOTICE: EXPECT DELAYS AUG. 28

On Aug. 28, the U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka Pharmacy will undergo a scheduled internal software upgrade designed to improve future pharmacy services. During the transition, patients should expect longer-than-normal wait times for both new prescriptions and refill pickups.

What you can do:

- Pick up ready refills and non-urgent prescriptions before Aug. 28, when possible.
 - Plan extra time if you need a new or same-day prescription on Aug. 28.
 - Please be patient with our pharmacy team as they work through the system upgrade.
- Urgent medication needs will continue to be supported, but processing and verification may take longer than usual.

PATIENT AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Have a question, concern or idea to help improve your experience at U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka? USNH Yokosuka wants to hear from you. Join the next Patient and Family

Partnership Council (PFPC) meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 1: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Command Auditorium, 3rd Floor. The PFPC brings together patients, family members and hospital leadership to discuss healthcare services, answer questions and gather feedback that helps shape the future of patient care. Whether you have feedback from a recent visit or ideas for improving the services, your voice matters. Tentative schedule for the remainder of 2026 (locations subject to change):

- Oct. 6: 4 – 5 p.m. – Command Auditorium, 3rd Floor
 - Nov. 3: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Command Auditorium, 3rd Floor
 - Dec. 1: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Command Auditorium, 3rd Floor
- If there's a specialty clinic or member of the medical team you'd like to hear from, let USNH Yokosuka know before the meeting. You can also submit questions in advance by emailing dha.yokosuka.yokosuka-nh.list.pfpc@health.mil.

UPCOMING TOWN HALL

- Community Connection Office Hours,

building C-2, Aug. 24, 12 p.m.

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Yokosuka: Ricker Drive partial road closure from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 26.

- Sherman Avenue full road closure from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 7 - 11.
- Kinkaid Street partial road closure from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Aug. 28.
- Sherman Avenue partial road closure from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. until Aug. 31.
- Howard Street partial road closure required to facilitate crane work to unload materials from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., until Sept. 30.
- High traffic lane modification from 5 to 8:30 a.m. Outbound traffic merges into one lane in front of the CPO Club. Inbound traffic will shift to the two middle lanes creating a two lane inbound pattern in front of building 1997.
- The parking lot in front of Afloat Training Group Western Pacific is secured through 2027 in support of the Navigation, Seamanship and Shiphandling Trainer construction.

Ikego: Imattumi Road partial closure until Dec. 30.

American Red Cross Classes

CPR Training, Basic Life Support, and Babysitting Basics

All classes are blended learning classes. Classes may be added based on community need and instructor availability. Enroll today!

CPR/AED/First Aid Course (\$18)

- Saturday Aug. 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday Aug. 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Basic Life Support (\$12)

- Friday Aug. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Email to sign up:
Yokosuka@redcross.org

To register, email: Yokosuka@redcross.org with the class and preferred date/time. You will receive a payment link and be asked to send your receipt in order to guarantee a spot in the course.

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