**56 Force Support Squadron**

**Youth/Teen Programs, School Age Care and Youth Sports**

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**OUR STAFF’S VISION STATEMENT**

To offer a quality program that is safe, academically enriched, positively guided with good interaction and to surround the children / youth in our programs with loving, caring and understanding staff.

**CYP MISSION STATEMENT**

Assist military and civilian personnel in balancing the competing demands of the mission and family life through delivery of a system of quality, available and affordable programs and services for eligible children and youth from birth through 18 years of age.

**STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

It is the philosophy of the Luke Air force Base Youth Programs to provide developmentally appropriate programs of the highest quality that adheres to all regulations and standards accepted by the Air Force. We respect each child as a unique individual and recognize the differences in the children’s rate of physical, social, emotional and cognitive development. We believe that the parents are the first and primary educators of their child, and we aim to build a bridge between home, school and our programs in order to create the best possible quality programming for their child. Parents are highly encouraged to participate in our programs. The programs provided by the Youth Programs are based on the belief that each child should be given the opportunity to develop his or her maximum potential through varied experiences with nurturing support. A variety of activities are planned to help each child learn and develop in a stimulating anti-bias environment. The environment is extended beyond the program to include the community, through various guest speakers, and field trips. We encourage independence and respect for others while working to promote each child’s positive self-image through successful experiences.

**PROGRAM GOALS**

•To build a positive self-image

•To build a sense of belonging

•To build a sense of competence

•To build a sense of usefulness

•To build a sense of power and influence

•To develop self-discipline and resolve conflicts constructively

•To build an understanding and respect cultural diversity

•To build lifelong skills, academic progress and promote individual development

**YOUTH PROGRAMS STAFF**

Youth Director - **Mark Cobb**

School Age Coordinator - **Dolores Cabrera**

Youth and Teen Program Coordinator – **Tiffany Walker**

Youth Sports Coordinator - **Fred Washington**

Key Air Force Programs -These programs can be found at Youth and School Age Care Programs throughout the Air Force.

Our programs are designed to encourage Club members to realize a wide variety of positive outcomes, a strategy for developing the “whole child.” Youth Programs focuses on helping children and teens achieve in our three priority outcome areas of Academic Success, Good Character and Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles.

We offers tested, proven and nationally recognized programs in five Core Program Areas that closely align with the developmental needs of all young people:

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­• The Arts
• Education
• Leadership and Service
• Health and Wellness
• Sports and Recreation

**Program eligibility.** Child care eligibility is contingent on the status of the sponsor. Eligible patrons as outlined in DoDI 6060.02, include active duty military, DoD civilian employees, guard or reserve on active duty orders, active duty coast guard members, combat related wounded warriors in an active duty status, Gold Star spouses of military members who died from a combat-related incident, those acting in loco parentis for the dependent child of an otherwise eligible patron, eligible employees of DoD contractors, and others who may be authorized on a space available basis.

**Youth and Teen Programs**

Monday – Friday 1:00pm - 5:30pm

***Closed***: Saturday, Sunday, Holidays and AETC Family Days

**Eligibility**

Preteens 9 to 12 years old and teens 13 to 18 years old eligible to use Services Facilities.

Youth who wish to participate in our programs, must meet the following criteria:

1. Register at the Youth Programs bldg. 1143
2. Valid Military ID Card.
3. Youth Programs application must be submitted (AF Form 88).
4. Current immunization record/flu shot.
5. Annual Membership fee of $75.00

**School Age Care**

***Hours of Operation***

Monday-Friday: 6:00 am - 5:30 pm

No School Days: All day care

***Closed***: Saturday, Sunday, Holidays and AETC Family Days

All day care provided during school fall, winter, spring and summer breaks.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Kindergarten (age 5K) through age 12 eligible to use Services Facilities.

Registration can be requested at [www.militarychildcare.com](http://www.militarychildcare.com) and Child and Youth Programs Business Management System (CYPBMS) <https://parent.afcyp.com/>

1. Complete all forms required by AFI 34-144
2. Current immunization record/flu shot
3. Fees are calculated by total family income

**Youth Sports**

***Purpose***

Youth Programs offers a wide range of organized sports activities to help youth develop desirable physical skills and to mature emotionally and socially. The sports program provides opportunities for children to have contact with other youth, volunteer leaders and Youth Program staff.

It also provides opportunities for parents to socialize with other parents, and for adults to contribute to the Air Force community by serving as volunteers in youth programs.

***Eligibility***

Youth ages 3-18 years old who are eligible to use Services Facilities.

1. Register at the Youth Programs bldg. 1143
2. Valid Military ID Card.
3. Youth Programs application must be submitted (AF Form 88).
4. Current immunization record/flu shot.
5. Fee will depend on the sport or clinic offered

***Sports offered***

Sports camps, Clinics, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Volleyball, Track and Field (ages 5K-18)

Start Smart Basketball, Soccer and Baseball (ages 3-5)

*What is Start Smart?*

Start Smart was developed by top motor skill development specialists in the field of youth sports.  Parent-child groups perform motor skill tasks that gradually build confidence in children while they are having fun at the same time.

Each Start Smart Program utilizes the Start Smart Sports Readiness Test to help parents objectively measure kids' abilities.  As the program progresses and children show improvement, the skills and exercises are altered so that each child remains challenged.  Parents spend quality time together with their child while learning how to properly teach and support them in sports.

Start Smart participants will develop proper motor skills that will allow them to enjoy and succeed in their youth sports future!

***Registration Documentation***

The following documents must be hand-delivered to Luke AFB Youth Programs to complete the registration process.

Completion of all documentation is required prior to registration confirmation and can be downloaded via this web page.

1. A current health assessment and/or sports physical, AE Form 608-10-1A, valid through the duration of the sport registering for. Most on- and off-base clinics have their own form.

2. A vaccine administration record, current influenza vaccine on file.

3. A current exposure/emergency action plan for youth with allergies/asthma.

4. A completed AF Form 88

5. Parents Code of Ethics

6. Attendance at each sport Parent Meeting.

**Youth Instructional Programs**

Youth Instructional programs offer a wide variety of programs for youth and families. They offer classes in dance, gymnastics, martial arts, and various music lessons. Classes are conductedat the Youth Programs.

Participation in instructional classes promotes more than just skill development. Our instructors strive to facilitate competence in all areas of development. Goals for physical development include; building basic gross and fine motor skills, developing discipline for specific abilities, and committing to healthy lifestyles. Cognitively, class participation builds a broad-range of critical thinking skills and ways to process experiences. One of the largest components of class participation is increased social and emotional development as youth learn to balance their needs and interests as an individual with their ability to work as a group.

***Eligibility***

Youth ages 3-18 years old (depending on program) who are family member dependents of Active Duty, Civilian DoD Personnel, Retirees or are otherwise eligible to use Services Facilities.

Youth who wish to participate in our programs, must meet the following criteria:

1. Register at the Youth Programs
2. Youth Programs application must be submitted (AF Form 88).
3. Current immunization record/flu shot.
4. Annual Membership fee
5. Monthly Program Fee

***Instructional Programs currently offered:***

Piano, Martial Arts, Archery, Tumbling and Dance