

NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD



NEW GOSPORT

Youth

**SPONSORSHIP
PROGRAM**



CHILD AND YOUTH EDUCATION SERVICES

Welcome Aboard!

School Liaison Officer, Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY)

Welcome to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, the oldest and largest shipyard on the East Coast that is located in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia! Norfolk Naval Shipyard, often referred to as the “Norfolk Navy Yard”, specializes in repairing, overhauling and modernizing ships and submarines. Whether this is your first time here or you have lived here before, you will discover so many things to do in the Hampton Roads area.

My role as your School Liaison Officer (SLO) is to assist you by providing information and answering questions in order for you to make informed educational decisions for your family to ensure a seamless transition during the transfer between schools. This folder will provide brochures and flyers filled with youth program activities, installation and community events.

If you are interested in your child making friends and getting connected in his or her neighborhood and school, please request to have your child linked up with an ambassador from our Youth Ambassador Club. Our student ambassadors are able to help your child learn about the schools, the community, and “what’s happening” in the area. Help your child get connected by completing the youth sponsorship application in this packet and return it to your school’s front desk or the youth center.

We are super excited you are here and look forward to you becoming an important part of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard family! You will really like working with our team. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at slo.nnsy.fct@navy.mil or call 757-396-7947. Again, welcome to Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY)!

Sincerely,

School Liaison Officer
Norfolk Naval Shipyard

NAVY SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

Connecting Military Families, Commands and K-12 Schools

The School Liaison Officer (SLO) provides the support necessary to coordinate and advise military members of their children's educational needs and to assist in solving education-related problems that stem from the military lifestyle. The SLO also helps to identify barriers to academic success and develop solutions, promote parental involvement in their children's education, develop and coordinate partnerships in education and educate local communities and schools regarding the needs of military children.

What Services Do School Liaison Officers Provide?

The School Liaison Officer specializes in serving military families and offers a wide spectrum of services, empowering parents to become more involved in their child's educational experience.

Services Include:

- School Transition Services (PCS Cycle)
- Deployment Support
- Command, School & Community Communications
- Homeschool Linkage and Support
- Partnerships in Education (PIE)
- Post-Secondary Preparations
- Special Needs System Navigation

Public School Districts Covered:

- Portsmouth
- Isle of Wight
- Suffolk

For more information, contact your SLO:

757-396-7947 (Office) • 757-438-3638 (Cell)

Norfolk Naval Shipyard

Scott Center Annex

MWR Admin Bldg. 1559

School District Information:

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) VDOE School Quality Profiles

www.doe.virginia.gov

<http://schoolquality.virginia.gov>

Portsmouth Public Schools

<http://pps.k12.va.us>

Suffolk Public Schools

www.spsk12.net/

Isle of Wight County Schools

www.iwcs.k12.va.us

Tutor.com (free online tutoring)

<https://military.tutor.com/home>

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

www.mic3.net/

Military One Source

www.militaryonesource.mil

Welcome Youth!

YOUTH SPONSORSHIP

Welcome to Norfolk Naval Shipyard. This booklet is a guide to help you learn about the surrounding area and to give insight into the youth programs we offer.

The Youth Sponsorship Program Component is required by law (Section 1785 of Title 10, United States Code) and specified within the Department of Defense Youth Instruction 6060.4 and OPNAVINST 1700.9E. The Youth Sponsorship Program consists of three major components:

Outreach: Identifying incoming youth and providing them with information and opportunities before they arrive.

Newcomer Orientation: Providing information and materials on programs and services available on the installation and in the surrounding community.

Peer to Peer: Connecting youth currently attached to the installation with incoming youth.

The Youth Sponsorship program is designed to assist young people in making the transition from one installation to another successfully. It is our goal to help incoming youth adjust and get connected with a youth ambassador at the installation. Youth Ambassadors will provide information about area schools, attractions and the surrounding community. This program is created by and for youth with youth involvement in every aspect of the program.

Please take a moment to look through the booklet and call for more information. Our youth are also available to assist in any way. If you would like more information, please contact your School Liaison Officer or Youth Director.

New Gosport Youth Center

309 Green Point Lane
Building 1498
Portsmouth, VA 23709
757-396-2506

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday
5:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Youth Centers are closed
all federal holidays.

School Liaison Officer

Scott Annex Center
MWR Admin Building 1559
Portsmouth, VA 23709
757-396-7947

NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD NEW GOSPORT YOUTH PROGRAMS

Welcome to New Gosport Youth Center! If you are new to the area and are looking for a place where you can meet other youth your age and have fun, then come check out our Youth Center at Norfolk Naval Shipyard! We have an environment that is specifically designed for you. Come and enjoy a place that offers School Age Care, Summer Camps as well as Sports and Fitness programs. Our Youth Center offers a variety of activities such as field trips, bowling, swimming and special events. You can get homework support and develop educational goals that will enhance the skills you will need for college and career readiness. Our Youth Programs are all fully accredited with the National After School Alliance (NAA).

We also have programs that are completely FREE for youth ages nine to 18 years old. These programs are designed to help you build character and develop leadership skills that will assist you in becoming a more resilient, dedicated and confident person through events such as community service. We offer all of these wonderful things and so much more!

Lastly, we have our Anchored4Life Club and Youth Sponsorship Program which will connect you with a Team Leader, Crew Member or Youth Ambassador who will help you become familiar with your new center, new school and community. These programs offer positive support, encouragement and life skills that will help you have a smooth move.

NNSY Youth Programs are open to all eligible family members of active duty, DoD civilians and retirees. We have great fun here and are always open and welcoming to new members.

Please call the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Youth Center at 757-396-2506 or 757-396-3591 for operational hours and specific questions about any of our programs.

Thank you,

Norfolk Naval Shipyard Youth Director

Youth Center Programming

Our centers are member affiliates of 4-H and BGCA programs. Activities within these programs may vary, so please feel free to call to receive more information.

1. SCHOOL AGE CARE (BEFORE AND AFTER)

We offer a kindergarten, before and after school care program during the school year. These programs are quality care programs structured at a recreational setting that offers a variety of activities. Your child will experience various arts and crafts activities, sports, games, plus visit other MWR facilities. These will include the base movie theater, library and bowling center. Our facilities also offer Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) and 4-H programs. Please see affiliated programs for more information. Please see schools for a listing that we provide transportation to.

- **Kindergarten Care – children must be five years old and enrolled in school to qualify for the program.**
- **Before and After Care – children must be between six and 12 years old and enrolled in school to qualify for the program.**

2. SUMMER CAMP

During the summer months, an 11-week activity camp is offered for youth six to 12 years. This is another quality care program that is designed to offer a recreation setting with a variety of activities that include arts and crafts, sports, games and other recreational fun. Your child will also visit other MWR facilities like the base movie theater, library, swimming pools and bowling center as well as many off-base field trips. Please check with your local center for more information on the camp.

Fees for the above youth programs are:

- **Priority registration is in effect**
- **A sliding scale is used based upon your total family income.**
- **Weekly payments (Summer) / Bi-Monthly (SAC)**

Eligibility for the above youth programs are: Children of active duty military personnel, Department of Defense (DoD) civilian personnel paid from either appropriated or non-appropriated funds, reservists on active duty and DoD contractors.

Registration for these programs can be found on www.militarychild.com

1. Create an account.
2. Search and request care.
3. Submit request.

Your account can be managed anywhere and updated anytime. For more information or assistance with the site, please contact your local youth center.

Youth Center Programming

3. YOUTH & TEEN OPEN RECREATION

A free Youth Open Recreation program for ages nine to 12 is targeted for the pre-teens. Also, a free Teen Open Recreation program for ages 13 to 18 (18-year-olds must be enrolled in high school), is targeted for teenagers. These programs are operated for the purpose of providing pre-teens and teens in the community with opportunities to enjoy social recreation activities, while offering guidance and meaningful experiences. All on and off-base field trip funds will need to be provided.

Eligible members include: Children of active duty military personnel, Department of Defense (DoD) civilian personnel paid from either appropriated or non-appropriated funds, reservists on active duty, DoD contractors and retirees.

4. SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Navy Youth Sports and Fitness (YSF) is dedicated to initiating and enhancing lifetime fitness for youth by providing consistent, safe, fun and developmentally-appropriate programming around youth sports, fitness, health/nutrition, outdoor recreation and motor skills development. Through the Navy's partnership with Navy National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS), programs benefit from a broad range of training and orientation programs, tools, support and materials. NAYS believe youth can be positively impacted by participation in sports and physical activities in the adults (staff and coaches) involved have participated in proper training and extensive background checks. Registration fees apply. (Some sports and ages may vary base to base, so please check with your local center for more information.)

5. DEFY PROGRAM

The DEFY Program is sponsored by the Secretary of the Navy Drug Reduction Task Force. Command sponsorship within the Mid-Atlantic Region is through Child and Youth Programs.

DEFY is a two-phased prevention program for children nine to 12 years old. DEFY deters "at risk" behaviors by giving children the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol. The leadership and life skills provided by DEFY include goal-setting, team-building, conflict resolution and decision-making. Phase one is a structured eight-day leadership camp that occurs during the summer. Phase two is a school-year mentoring phase involving regularly scheduled activities where mentors and children have the opportunity to interact together. Please call your nearest youth center for more information.

Youth Center Programming

SCHOOLS SERVICED BY SAC PROGRAM

Listed below are the schools that are serviced during the school year by the SAC Program:

Portsmouth Public Schools

- Churchland Academy
- Churchland Elementary
- Churchland Primary
- James Hurst Elementary
- Westhaven Elementary

Chesapeake Public Schools

- Deep Creek Central Elementary
- Deep Creek Elementary
- Grassfield Elementary
- Treakle Elementary
- Western Branch Intermediate
- Western Branch Primary
- Western Branch Middle



Affiliated Programs

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF AMERICA



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
MEMBER AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION

KEYSTONE CLUB & TORCH CLUB

The Keystone Club is a dynamic teen program that offers teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. They conduct activities in three areas: Academic success, career exploration and community service. This program gives teens an opportunity to explore new horizons and become part of a team. Keystone members also get the opportunity to attend Regional and National Conferences around the United States.

The Torch Club is a leadership and service club for pre-teens ages nine to 13. Torch Club advisors on staff can help meet the needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their development. Torch Club members learn to elect officers and work together to plan and implement activities.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Youth of the Year is BGCA's premier youth recognition program for teens. Youth of the Year honors and celebrates teens who exemplify:

- Good Character and Citizenship
- Academic Excellence
- Healthy Living

The Youth of the Year program is used as a year-round tool for fostering young people's character, personal growth and leadership qualities. Our club recognizes a Youth of the Month and selects one as Youth of the Year to participate in the regional state competition. Five regional winners each receive scholarships and compete on the national level. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional scholarship and is installed by the President of the United States as BGCA's national teen spokesperson.

SMART MOVES

This nationally acclaimed comprehensive prevention program helps young people resist alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. Smart Moves features engaging, interactive, small-group activities that increase participants peer support to enhance their life skills. The program encourages collaborations among club staff, youth parents and representatives from other communities. The program's components are: SMART Kids, for ages six to nine, Start SMART for ages 10 to 12, Stay SMART for ages 13 to 15 and SMART Parents. SMART Leaders is a peer leader/booster program for older teens to become mentors with the SMART Moves Program.

Affiliated Programs

TRIPLE PLAY (HEALTHY HABITS)

Empowering youth to eat right is a generation-changing, life-enhancing program goal. Triple Play's nutrition component, called Healthy Habits, covers the poster of choice, calories, vitamins & minerals, the food pyramid and appropriate portion size.

The Healthy Habits program is designed to: Teach young people about the benefits of healthy habits such as eating right and being physically active. Equip young people with skills to adopt healthier habits by participating in fun and engaging learning activities both at the club and at home. Encourage young people to take small steps toward positive behavior changes.

4-H PROGRAMS

The 4-H program offers many curriculums that provide activities for ages five to 18. Here are just a few curriculums our centers will offer:

- Photography
- Diversity Night
- Technology
- Character Counts
- Gardening
- Sewing
- STEM Activities
- Leadership
- Exploring 4-H
- Fine Arts
- Theatre Arts



SPECIAL EVENTS

The program sponsors various special events throughout the year. The purpose is to provide the community with entertaining events while allowing the centers to do fundraising. Fundraising supports our various youth and teen programs throughout the year. Some of our special event programs include:

- Base Egg Hunts
- Summer Blowout
- Worldwide Day of Play
- Holiday Party
- Bowling Lock-In
- Armed Forces Kids Fun Run
- Family Fall Fest
- Dances
- Various Field Trips



MWR Facilities

MWR offers a variety of facilities for youth fun and recreation including bowling centers, movie theaters, golf courses, gyms, pools and ticket offices. Check out this website for more information and phone numbers to contact all facilities.

www.navymwrnorfolkshipyard.com

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Virginia

www.bgcseva.org

YMCA of South Hampton Roads

www.ymcashr.org

COLLEGES

Norfolk State University

www.nsu.edu

Old Dominion University

www.odu.edu

Tidewater Community College

<http://tcc.edu>

Virginia Wesleyan University

<https://degrees.vwu.edu>

Hampton University

www.hamptonu.edu

Regent University

www.regent.edu

College of William & Mary

www.wm.edu

Christopher Newport University

<http://cnu.edu>

Thomas Nelson Community College

<https://tncc.edu>

PARKS AND RECREATION

Portsmouth

www.portsvaprls.com

Norfolk

www.norfolk.gov/play

Chesapeake

www.cityofchesapeake.net

Virginia Beach

www.vbgov.com

Hampton

www.hampton.gov/1187/Parks-Recreation

York County

www.yorkcounty.gov

Newport News

www.nngov.com/parks-and-recreation

Williamsburg

www.williamsburgva.gov

Entertainment, Parks and Historical Sites

The Hampton Roads area offers many exciting and great places to visit and explore! Listed are a few local favorites for each city. For more information, please visit these sites:

www.virginia.org

www.virginia.org/regions/hamptonroads.com

PORTSMOUTH

Children's Museum
Downtown Historical Portsmouth
NTelos Pavilion
Virginia Sports Museum

YORKTOWN/HAMPTON WILLIAMSBURG

Busch Gardens
Colonial Williamsburg
Hampton Coliseum
Virginia Air & Space Museum
Water Country USA
Williamsburg Outlets

VIRGINIA BEACH

First Landing State Park
Laserquest
Lynnhaven Mall
MOCA
Ocean Breeze Waterpark
Oceanfront Shops
Pembroke Mall
Top Golf
Town Center
Virginia Aquarium
Virginia Beach Boardwalk

CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake City Park
Chesapeake Golf Club
Greenbrier Mall
Chesapeake Skate Park
Greenbrier Skating Rink/Ice Sports
Chesapeake Square Mall

NORFOLK

Chrysler Museum
MacArthur Center
Norva
Nauticus
Norfolk Botanical Gardens
Norfolk Premium Outlets
Norfolk Tides
Norfolk Zoo
Scope & Chrysler Hall
Spirit Norfolk
Town Point Park
Waterside District

OTHER PLACES TO VISIT

Kings Dominion

New Student Application

NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD YOUTH SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Date: _____

Name: _____ Male Female

DOB _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Where did you move from?: _____

Where else have you lived? _____

Are you interested in signing up for the Youth Sponsorship Program? Yes No

If yes, please fill out the information below and email to slo.nnsy.fct@navy.mil

Hobbies and interests:

Sports, music, clubs/programs I am currently involved in are:

In my free time I like to:

What I like most about my last school was:

What are you most concerned about with your move to this school and this area?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD

Free!

YOUTH SPONSORSHIP ORIENTATION

*Meet and connect
with youth in the area!*



**MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH FROM 6 - 8 P.M.**

Open to all active duty, DoD civilians and retirees.



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