

# Youth Sponsorship Program



A Handbook and Resource Guide for  
Military Youth & Teens

# Edwards AFB, California

Welcome to Edwards AFB!

Congratulations on you and your family's assignment to Edwards Air Force base! Moving can be difficult, but if you know where you are going and what to expect it can help ease your transition. An assignment to Edwards Air Base can be an exciting and enjoyable experience. This handbook will help you learn what exciting adventures and opportunities await you.

Moving to Edwards? Would you like a sponsor? The Youth Sponsorship Program is a way to connect with youth and teens at Edwards. Visit <http://edwardsfss.com> and fill out the Youth Sponsorship request form.

Are you an old pro? Would you like to become a Youth/Teen Sponsor? Visit <http://edwardsfss.com> to fill out the request form.

**Edwards Air Force Base (AFB)** is a United States Air Force installation in southern California, located approximately 22 miles (35 km) northeast of Lancaster and east of Rosamond. It often referred to as Edwards, California or just Edwards.

It is the home of the Air Force Test Center and is the Air Force Materiel Command center of excellence for conducting and supporting research and developmental flight test and evaluation of aerospace systems from concept to combat. It operates the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and is home to NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center and considerable test activities conducted by America's commercial aerospace industry.

## Youth Programs



Youth Center 24 Lathrop Dr., Bldg 5210  
(661) 275-KIDS (5437)

### **Office Hours**

Mon - Fri: 11 am - 5 pm

### **Facility Hours**

Mon - Fri: 2 pm - 6 pm

**The Youth Center** at 24 Lathrop is the hub for all youth activities. We offer a wide range of programs and events for youth ages 5 to 18. From the Youth Center you can gain access to the School Age program, Youth Sports, Teen Program and All Summer Camp Programs.

Youth age 13 and older may enjoy program offerings at the Teen Center located close to the Desert Mall on Kincheloe Ave.

## Open Recreation Program



**Open Recreation Program** provides after school activities for children ages 9 to 12. On non-school days, after school and during the summer there is limited care. Call 275-PLAY for hours.

### MEMBERSHIP

Youth, ages 9 to 18, are eligible to purchase an annual membership. The School Year fee is \$ 200.00 per child. Daily membership is \$5 per child.

Youth Programs (YP) provides activities and programs that improve and maintain the physical and mental well-being of youth ages 9-12.

The YP facility has a full sized gym which also serves as an indoor roller skating rink. There is a game room with billiards, foosball, air hockey, and video games. The facility also has a club room, gaming area, computer/homework room, and 7th grade room. We also have an outdoor play area, basketball court and baseball/softball fields.

## OPEN RECREATION PROGRAMS AND CLUBS

- Field Trips
- Movie Trips
- Pre-Teen Dances
- Photography and Art Exhibits
  - Talent Contests
  - Youth Recognition
- Youth Fitness Activities
  - Power Hour
  - 4-H Program
  - Boys & Girls Club
- Clubs- Robotics, Cooking, Model Making, Leadership
  - Life Skills Training
    - Indoor Gym
    - Art Area
  - Homework Room
- Outdoor Basketball Court

## CONTACT YOUTH PROGRAMS

You can contact Youth Programs by calling 661-275-KIDS

Facebook “Edwards Afb Open Rec”

## YOUTH SPORTS



**The Youth Sports Program** is facilitated through The Youth Programs Center and offers children a chance to compete, gaining instruction and confidence in a number of sports including basketball, baseball, softball, and soccer. Several specialty camps are offered in the summer. The Air Force fit Factor program is offered to promote a healthy and fit life style by emphasizing fit lifestyle choices.

### CONTACT SPORTS OFFICE

You can contact the Sports Department by calling call 661-279-2228 .



Teen Center - 24 Lathrop Drive Bldg. 7211  
(661) 275-TEEN

**Hours of Operation**

Mon - Fri: 2 - 6 pm

**The Teen Center** provides youth ages 13 through 18 a safe and exciting place to go after school. It is affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club of America and offers many of the B&GCA programs, as well as Air Force programs and has many clubs that teach life skills, cooking, guitar, photography, to name a few, where teens can learn something new or enhance their current talents. The teens can also become involved in small theater productions, arts and crafts projects, digital arts, web design, and many other fun activities.

### TEEN CENTER MEMBERSHIP

Parents – memberships at the Teen Center are available year round.

Cost is \$360 for an annual membership.

One of the worst times for a teen to make bad decisions is between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm. For a dollar a day you can have peace of mind knowing that your son or daughter is in a safe, fun and developmental environment with a caring staff that will make sure your son or daughter feels right at home and have a great experience.

### YES (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SKILLS)

Gain valuable work experience and earn money for College, up to \$1000. Open to teens whose parent is active duty Air Force. Call the Teen Center for more information.

### KEYSTONE CLUB

Meeting every Wednesday, 2:10 pm, Teen Center

The Keystone Club is a leadership club for teens who are interested in learning or improving their own leadership skills. The club focuses on Leadership, Community Service, Academic Success, Career Preparation, and Teen Outreach. Come by the Teen Center for more information.

### TEEN COUNCIL

A Teen Council is being formed to give a voice for teens within the community. The Teen Center is looking for teens associated with other teen youth groups i.e. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Chapel Youth Groups, NHS, ASB, Home Schooled, and any other teen youth groups. Representatives will meet once a month and discuss teen issues on base.

### CONTACT TEEN CENTER

You can contact the Teen Center by calling call 661-275-TEEN.

Facebook “EdwardsAFBteencenter”



## **Schools on Edwards**

**Muroc Joint Unified School District** is a K-12 unified school system of approximately 2000 students, located in the Mojave Desert approximately 110 miles northeast of Los Angeles. It was founded as an elementary school in 1911, with one teacher and less than a dozen students. The school house was located at Edwards. Boron students were bussed to the air base for their education. As the area became more populated, another school was established in 1929, in Boron. The schools became a unified district in 1953, encompassing 578 square miles in Kern and San Bernardino counties.

Desert Junior/Senior High School

*muroc.k12.ca.us*

1575 Payne Ave

Edwards, CA

(661) 258-4411

Irving L. Branch Elementary School

*muroc.k12.ca.us*

1595 Bailey Ave

Edwards, CA

(661) 258-9304

## **School Liaison Office**

**The Edwards AFB School Liaison Officer (SLO)** is the *central point of contact* for school-related matters. The Edwards AFB SLO works directly with base leadership, families, school districts, and local communities. The SLO fosters and promotes quality education for military and civilian children by providing resource and referral services to family support agencies on Edwards AFB and in the local community. The SLO is here to help smooth transitions, help in school registrations, getting up to date information about the schools on base and in the local communities surrounding Edwards AFB, advising parents about required school documents and other issues involving student placement or adjustment to their needs.

**School Liaison Office** 90 Farell Drive, Bldg 5620  
(661) 277-2456

### **Hours of Operation**

Mon - Fri: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm