



Sports program offers fun, skills to Lajes youth

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The Lajes Youth Program offers several sports throughout the year for Lajes children who want to participate in intramural sports.

Children as young as 3 through age 18 can participate in youth sports here depending on the sport.

"I think the sports program is a wonderful way for the kids to work on goal setting and teamwork," said Paris Wengert, whose children Ronnie, 8 and Davinia, 4 have participated in the youth sports program here. "Those are important skills for our kids to learn."

Football and Cheerleading runs from October to December each year. Children 4 to 18 can play flag football and children 5 to 18 can be cheerleaders. Basketball begins in January and ends in March and is open to children age 3 to 18. Baseball is also open to children 3 to 18 and begins in April and ends in June. Finally, soccer is scheduled for August through October for 3-18 year olds.

Any child American or Portuguese with base privileges is authorized to play youth sports, according to Cheryl Karnes, Lajes Youth Sports coordinator.

"Youth sports offers youth a wide array of organized sports activities to help them develop desirable physical skills and to mature emotionally and socially," explained Mrs. Karnes.

"It provides youth the opportunity to learn new skills, meet friends, promotes



Lajes youth compete in a soccer game. Soccer is just one of the five sports offered in the Lajes Youth Sports Program. Children age 3 to 18 are eligible to participate in sports through the LYP. (Photo by Cheryl Karnes)

teamwork and leadership, and enhances the likelihood of participation in physical activities throughout life," she added. "It's fun!"

The cost of playing each sport is \$30 for youth center members and \$40 for nonmembers. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the youth center can stop by the LYP and complete the membership paperwork. The cost is \$35 for one year.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to serve the best kids in the world here at Lajes," Mrs. Karnes said. "Our

hope is that the kids will take advantage of learning a new sport or improving their skills in a sport they've played before ... in a fun, safe, and positive environment.

The Youth Sports Program contributes its success to the volunteers on base. Parents, Airman, and Portuguese volunteers coach the teams. "We have the best volunteers," the youth sports coordinator said.

Registration for flag football and cheerleading is ongoing at the youth center. For more information on youth sports, call 535-1197.

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Current FPCON: Alpha
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DUI/DWI Stats

Last DUI/DWI: Sept. 25
FY '08 Total: 0



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Saves in CY' 07: 45

Mishap Stats



Last Reportable
Mishap: June 21

FY '08 Total: 0

TORC Reopens

The TORC has reopened under the new contract. The coffee shop opens at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday and serves coffee and donuts as well as made to order breakfast.





Domestic Violence Awareness Month time to reflect

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When I think of Domestic Violence Awareness Month or I hear about spouse abuse, I think of my friend's experience with domestic violence.

Late one night during what we dubbed a "girl's night," complete with our facial mask, popcorn, a bottle of wine and a chick flick, we began talking about her first marriage and why she got divorced.

Her first husband had been very controlling. As time went on he got worse. During one of their "heated" arguments he became violent.

In the meantime, the phone was ringing and ringing. It was her best friend. Finally, her husband answered the phone and passed it off to her. Of course she did her best to make it sound like she was fine, but her friend knew she wasn't. I don't know if it is women's intuition but friends just know. Her friend called the police and may have possibly saved her life.

It took the intervention of her friend to help her get out of a bad marriage. It takes a lot for someone to intervene like that. In this case, they remained friends, but some friendships end when people intervene or report domestic abuse. In some cases, men or women continue to stay with the person who is abusing them.

A friend's life or safety is worth risking a friendship.

Domestic abuse continues to be a nation-wide problem. There is no discrimination. It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor. You may know a friend or neighbor who is a victim. You may be a victim yourself. Help is available. To report domestic abuse or get help, call 535-3261.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence encourages anyone who has been a victim in the past to develop a safety plan if they are still in the relationship. They offer these tips:

- Think of a safe place to go if an argument occurs - avoid rooms with no exits (bathroom), or rooms with weapons (kitchen).
- Think about and make a list of safe people to contact.
- Memorize all important numbers.
- Establish a "code word" or "sign" so that family, friends, teachers or co-workers know when to call for help.
- Think about what you will say to your partner if he/she becomes violent.

The message the coalition stresses to victims is to remember that you have the right to live without fear and violence.

My friend was a victim of domestic abuse. Now, she's happily remarried and expecting her first child.

535-4240

actionline@lajes.af.mil

The Commander's Line is your link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work

problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems — but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Line at 535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil.



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CFC Pledge

Chief Richard Lee (left), acting 65th Air Base Wing command chief, and Capt. John Smith (right), Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas project officer for Lajes, show Col. JL Briggs (center), 65th ABW commander, some of the CFC-O charities he can choose from for his pledge Tuesday. The CFC campaign runs through Nov. 30. (Photo by Senior Airman Taylor Marr)



Meet The New Commander



Maj. Peter M. Pollock
65th Mission Support Squadron

Hometown: Melbourne, Australia (via Honolulu, Hawaii)

Previous assignment: Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

Job at previous assignment: Student, AFIT IDE (Intermediate Developmental Education) Program

Goals for the unit:

- For the men and women of the 65th MSS to continue to provide the outstanding level of customer service during this transitional time within the personnel career field
- To prepare the unit for the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection; to demonstrate that the 65th MSS is a proud and successful unit
- To work with the 65th Services Squadron to prepare for the merger of our squadrons currently scheduled for the summer of 2009
- For the men and women of the 65th MSS to always conduct themselves with Strength and Honor!

AFSO 21

Program helps streamline processes

By Tech. Sgt. Christin Michaud
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Finding ways to work more effectively and efficiently is the key to Air Force Smart Operations 21.

AFSO 21 is a dedicated effort to maximize value and minimize waste in our operations, according to Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Wynne in his Letter to Airmen.

AFSO 21 is not just a leadership program for commanders and supervisors; it is for everyone -- Airmen, NCOs, CGOs and civilians, to look at each process from beginning to end.

Several Lajes leaders and unit representatives participated in week-long AFSO 21 training here Sept. 24-28.

Simon Carr, Senior Consultant for Simpler Consultants, conducts the training for AFSO 21 throughout USAFE.

The training entailed key elements like brainstorming and evaluating processes in each work center. AFSO 21 representatives from each unit wrote their ideas on paper that lined the walls. Sticky notes were added when needed to expand on processes and are now up in individual work centers.

"The key is to keep the energy going," stressed Col. Jeffrey Derrick, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander.

The next step will be the "to-be" process

development in November. From that point they will start the Rapid Improvement Events process of AFSO 21.

"Everyone in the Wing is an AFSO 21 advocate," explained Colonel Derrick. "But, there are formal POC's in squadrons and wing staff agencies that need to start or continue with their internal programs."

When addressing internal programs, questions Secretary Wynne encouraged individuals to ask are: "Why are we doing it this way? Is each of the tasks relevant, productive and value added? In other words is it necessary at all? With AFSO 21, we will march unnecessary work out the door -- forever."

AFSO 21 Project manager Tech. Sgt. Brian Kush echoed that. "It's the times you scratch your head and ask 'why am I doing this?'" he explained.

Some of the goals for AFSO 21 include increasing productivity of personnel, increasing the critical equipment ability rates, improve response time and agility, sustain safe and reliable operations and improve energy efficiency.

"Get your young Airmen and NCO's involved in the process refinement," said Colonel Derrick. "It's not a top down directed program but should be across ranks."

Individuals should first bring ideas to their unit POCs. For more information on AFSO 21, e-mail afso.21@lajes.af.mil.



Teen Night with Latin flavor

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Organization of Latin American committee hosted Teen Night Sept. 21 at the Lajes Youth Program. The evening featured live DJ music, Latin salsas and desserts, musical chairs, "Test your Spanish" Jeopardy, Latin dance lessons and ended the night with a dance contest with the winners walking away with gift cards to several base attractions. The winners were Kara Ellis, Amy Wagner, Josh Taylor, and Jessica Hunt. (Photo by Juan Carranza)



Movie Schedule

Today, 7 p.m. – The Invasion (PG-13); **10 p.m.** – War (R)
Saturday, 7 p.m. – The Invasion; **10 p.m.** – Illegal Tender, (R)
Sunday, 2 p.m. –The Invasion; **7 p.m.** – War
Thursday, 7 p.m. – Illegal Tender
Synopsis: Visit www.aafes.com/ems

In The Community

Bullfights: Saturday – Lajes, Casa da Ribeira and Rua da Boa Vista, Quatro Ribeiras. Sunday – Estrada Santa Margarida, Porto Martins and Canada do Coxo, Fontinhas. Monday – Ladeira Santa Rita (Between main gate and Santa Rita). This concludes the bullfight season.

Around Lajes

Fire Prevention Week: The Fire Prevention Week parade through housing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday followed by their Fire Prevention Week Muster games at 11 a.m. at the station.

POC: 535-1495

Campaign SOS Cagarro 2007: During October and November the young birds Cory Shearwater (Cagarro) will leave the nests at night and fly for the first time on a journey of hundreds of miles. Disoriented by artificial lights they fly inland instead of seaward. Help them find their way back. If you find a Cory on the ground call 535-6558.

POC: [vitor.berbereia@lajes.af.mil](mailto: ritor.berbereia@lajes.af.mil)

Pool Tournaments: The following tournaments are scheduled at the community activities center in October: 5 p.m. Saturday - Open 8-ball Tournament. Best 2 out of 3, double elimination; 2 p.m. Oct. 21 - Open 9-ball Tournament. Race to 5,

double elimination; and 3 p.m. Oct. 27 - Ladies 9-ball Tournament Race to 5, double elimination. Awards will be given for first place in each tournament. To practice, be challenged, or learn about other games such as One Pocket and 14.1 Continuous (Straight Pool), call 535-POOL (7665).

Flea market cancelled: The flea market scheduled for Oct. 20 has been cancelled.

Thrift Shop Open Oct. 20: The Thrift Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. Come by and check out the great deals – everything from designer labels to Halloween costumes. Consignment or donations of items are always welcome. All profits from the Thrift Shop go directly to community and charitable organizations.

POC: Valerie Dickison, 535-4146

AWANA Children and Youth Club

AWANA is a nondenominational, Bible-centered youth organization. The Club at Lajes meets each Tuesday, beginning Oct. 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. for ages 3 through 12th grade.

POC: Chapel, 535-4211

AMC Flights: One of the Space-A flights to and from the United States now departs from Norfolk Naval Air Station, Va. late Tuesday evening/early Wednesday mornings. Flights returning to the states depart Lajes on Fridays. European flights travel to Italy (rotating weekly between Sigonella and Naples) and Crete. The DC-8 flight to and from BWI on the weekend will not change. Anyone who has made these flights and would like to share their tips/suggestions, can e-mail news@lajes.af.mil.

POC: Passenger Terminal, 535-3227

Lajes Weekly Bulletin: Every Tuesday, the Public Affairs office e-mails the Lajes Weekly Bulletin to base personnel on the global. The e-mail contains updates to facilities, events, activities, education notes and more to supplement the *Crossroads Xtra*. To have your home e-mail address added to the distribution of the Lajes Weekly Bulletin, send an e-mail to 65abw.pa@lajes.af.mil. In the subject line, type in the phrase "Add To Bulletin Distribution List."

AAFES Holiday wrapping: Organizations interested in gift wrapping for donations during the holiday season as a fundraiser can contact Bart Bartel at 535-3209 or 968-936-397 to schedule a date.

Education

Free SAT/ACT software: A group of National Football League players and eKnowledge Corp. are continuing their multi-million dollar sponsorship of \$200 SAT and ACT test preparation programs to all active-duty, reserve, and retired

military members and their families. Those who request the donated materials need only pay shipping and handling costs of packaging, processing and shipping. Service members and families interested in receiving free eKnowledge products under the sponsorship can visit <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil> by following the link to "Donation: VSG/NFL Players." or complete an online request form at <http://sat.eknowledge.com/military>. Requests can also be made by calling eKnowledge at 951-256-4076 or via e-mail at support@eknowledge.com.

AFCT/AFOQT: The MPF will administer the Armed Forces Classification Test Nov. 15 and the Air Force Officer Qualification Test Dec. 3. To sign up, e-mail james.souther@lajes.af.mil at least two days prior to test date.

Jobs/Volunteer

Services NAF positions: For a list of vacancies, visit <http://www.lajes-services.com/jobs/jobs2.doc>. or call 535-5200/6582.

Bus Monitors: Volunteer bus monitors are needed for school year 2007-2008. For information, contact Yolanda Castro at yolanda.castro@lajes.af.mil or 535-1314.

Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to news@lajes.af.mil by 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to the week you need it published. Notify the Crossroads when items have been sold. Lajes personnel may also post ads at Lajesads.com. This site is not affiliated with the Crossroads.

For sale: 2002 Ford Focus 4-door, 5-speed manual transmission with 75K miles. Excellent Condition - \$6,500. Call Paul @ 968-937-101 or 295-989-255

Wanted: Donations - clothes, shoes, toys, books, household items, etc. All donations are used for the Lajes High School sports teams to raise money for travel. Will pick up donations, e-mail lajes15@yahoo.com Thank You for your support.

For sale: in new condition Gameboy Advance w/ 4 games and 1-172NES game cartridge \$80. Gamecube with 5 kids-5 adult games \$120. Minolta X370 SLR 35MM Camera with 2 lenses, flash, case, many accessories \$200. Onkyo 6 disc CD carousel player \$20. Call Jeremy 295-549-375.

For sale: Archos Designs MP3 Player 4 GB Like New \$100. Ask for Paul 295-549-809

For sale: 2 Kenmore 35 Pint Dehumidifiers w/automatic humidistat control, front-removable bucket & bucket-full indicator, plus automatic defrost control. Energy Star® compliant, washable air filter, bucket full indicator lamp, & button fan-speed selection. Original price is \$149.99 each. One is brand new asking \$90, the other one is 4 months used, asking \$70. Boxes & owners manual included. Call 963 777 769

Free dog: Friendly medium sized dog. German Shepard mix. Brown in color. Comes with toys, bowls, etc. Housebroken, kennel and leash trained. Kennel may be purchased for \$40. Please call Bill at 295-549-228

1994 Red Toyota Starlet, 4 door. Great motor, decent body. Regular oil changes, no mechanical issues. Has only had two owners. Asking \$2,000. Call 295 989 361 evenings, 967 701 187 daytime, or e-mail nathan.walker@tolltest.com.

For sale: Yamaha 750 Streetbike 1982. Good condition, excellent motor. Very good island bike, bass pass is current and inspection is valid until Aug 2008. Asking \$1,700. Call 967 701 187 daytime or 295 989 361 evening.

Armchair Quarterback

Congratulations to week five winner Jose Cifuentes who tied, but won with the tiebreaker points for Monday's game. This week's You Don't Know Jack Winner is Peter Pollock. Fame and shame in the same issue.



*"New champ in town."
—Jose Cifuentes*

E-mail picks to news@lajes.af.mil before kickoff Sunday. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.