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Coordinator's Corner

Dear families:

Thank you for taking the time to read our monthly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to inform you of upcoming events and programs throughout Stuttgart CYC Services.

As the New Year is chilly, CYC Services is definitely warming up to a fine start this year. We are working on many goals to better serve the Stuttgart families. Currently, the CYC Services website is being reworked with FMWR Marketing to provide you with better access to our services. In addition, we have incorporated a new organizational system in CER to make your visits more time efficient. We have also just concluded our first inspection of the year and all of our facilities and programs resulted with exceptional outcomes. The staff is to be commended for their hard work during this cold German winter!

Best regards,
Suzanne King
Coordinator, CYC Services

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Events

- ▶ **February Parents' Night Out – Spend some quality time with that special someone!**

When: Friday 20 February 2009 with snacks and age appropriate activities provided.

Where: Panzer CDC/SAS

Time: 1830-2330

Cost: \$20/child and \$18 for each additional sibling.

Ages: Children who are ages six weeks through fifth grade and are registered with CYC Services can participate.

Registration: Patch Barracks building 2347 second floor. Payment is due at time of registration. **Last day to register is Wednesday 18 February 2009.** Spaces are limited.





Youth Sports & Fitness DSN: 431-2616/CIV: 0703-115-2616

► Spring Sports' Registration: **ENDS 27 February 2009**

Don't wait until the last minute to register for spring sports. Your child(ren) must have a valid physical through 15 June 2009 in order to register.

Soccer

Ages: SMART START and 4-15

Cost: \$36 for first child, 10% discount for each additional sibling.

Baseball

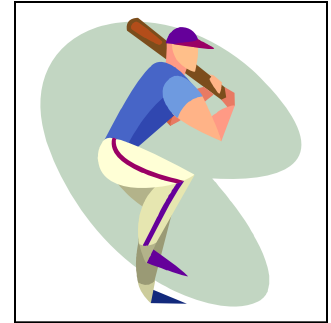
Ages: 4-18

Cost: \$46 for first child, 10% discount for each additional sibling.

Softball

Ages 9-15

Cost: \$46 for first child, 10% discount for each additional sibling.



► Coaches needed for **CYS Sports**

Coaches discounts are offered after the completion of **one full season as a Head Coach**. One child will be allowed to play for free. The second child and all other children will receive a 50% discount. Coaches may not combine their coaching discount with any other discount to further reduce their sports participation fee.

Anyone interested in coaching should complete an application and Background Check packet and return it to the **CYS Services** administrative assistant in building 2347 or at **CYS Services Sports and Fitness Office** on Panzer Bldg 3162.

SKIES Unlimited
Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills

► Second Annual European Military World Championship Qualifier Tournament

When: 9-10 May 2009

Time: TBD

Where: Patch gym

Fee: Early registration is 1 Jan – 17 April and costs \$35. The cost will be \$45 for those who sign up beginning 18 April.

Other: It is an open tournament for competitors – both US and non-US- in the European theater or with the US Africa Command. Martial artists 5 years and older in all styles and ranks are eligible for the meet, which will qualify the top three finishers in each division to compete in the World Championship Tournament in Maryland in 2009. Events include Tradition Forms, Creative Forms, Traditional Weapons, Creative Weapons, Grappling, Point Sparring, Continuous Sparring, Musical Forms (weapons, open hand), Breaking, and Realistic Self Defense. For more information and to register go to www.bwmainc.com or call **CYS Services SKIES** for more information at DSN: 430-7458 or CIV: 0711-680-7458.

Programs

► Parent Education Classes

◆ **What's Cooking?** – A cooking series for parents of school-age children presented by our Cordon-Bleu-trained professional chef

Class Two: Learn how to incorporate knife skills, safely cut and sauté vegetables, and work with raw mat. Our featured item on the menu is grilled chicken breasts.

When: Monday 2 February 2009

Time: 1630-1800

Where: Patch SAS building 2312

Ages: 6-12

Cost: Free

Registration: Registration required by phone. Call Civ: 0711-680-7458/DSN: 430-7458. Spaces are limited. Parents must accompany their children. The classes are free and families do not need to be registered with CYS Services to sign up.

◆ **Gardening with Children – A hands-on class for parents with children of all ages**

Class: Terrariums and Carnivorous plants – Bring your terrarium container to class and join us as we take a short trip to our area's premiere garden center, Blumen Metzger in Schoenaich. There we will supply the growing medium, while you may purchase the plants of your choice.

Special Event: Orchids

When: Wednesday 25 February 2009

Time: 1000-1100

Where: Panzer YS building 3166

Cost: Free

Registration: Registration required by phone. Call Civ: 0711-680-7458/DSN: 430-7458. Spaces are limited. Parents must accompany their children and provide their own transportation to the garden center. The classes are free.

◆ **Nurturing Literacy – A workshop series that concentrates on pre-reading strategies for children ages 2-6.**

Workshop: Stop, Look and Listen

Focus: Positive Guidance Techniques

When: Thursday 12 February 2009

Time: 1000-1100

Where: Patch Library Multipurpose Room (building 2342)

Cost: Free

Registration: Contact Pam McNaughton at the Patch Library to register. Call DSN: 430-5232. Civ: 0711-680-5232. The classes are free and spaces are limited. Children, quiet activities, and snacks are welcome.

Child Development Centers (CDC)

Kelley Important Dates

6 February: Part-Day Pre-K not in session

16 February: CDC is closed in observance of President's Day

We will be celebrating the following special events throughout February:

Black History Month

National Children's Dental Health Month

Library Lover's Month

Pet Owner Month

Groundhog Day

President's Day

Valentine's Day

Chinese New Year

School Age Services (SAS)

► Panzer SAS

Kung Hei Fat Choy! Happy New Year! We will celebrate Chinese New Year this month. Many activities have been planned for the celebration to include: creating paper dragons and lanterns compete in a Chinese checkers competition and a chopstick's relay, explore Chinese culture, and make vegetable lettuce rolls. The children will also learn about the Chinese horoscope and find out what animal year they were born and their characteristics (their strengths and weaknesses). Lastly, they will see a demonstration on how to use chopsticks.

Youth Services (YS)

► **Newcomer's Orientation:** Discover Stuttgart City Center. Tour Stuttgart military community. Navigate German public transportation. Learn German customs and language. Visit Schloss Solitude. It is held for children registered with CYS Services in grades 6-12. The orientation is for three days and meets at the Patch HUB, building 2337.

Day 1: 19 February 1530-1800

Day 2: 20 February 1530-1830

Day 3: 21 February 0800-1700

Sign up at CER (building 2347 second floor) or get permission slips at the HUB.

Family Child Care (FCC)



► **Great Beginnings Course** 17-20 February 2009 from 09:00 - 16:00. Please contact the FCC Office for more details at 0711-680-4047.

FCC programs continued on the next page.

▶ **4-H/CYS Services Babysitter's Training** February 3 – 6, 2009

Details: 3-5 February 1600-1900 at the HUB Patch building 2337 & 6 February 0900-1500 at the CYS Services meeting room, Patch building 2347 second floor.

Ages: Must be 13 or older and registered with CYS Services

Cost: Free

Registration: CER on Patch building 2347 second floor by 28 January.

Participation in all 4 days is required for certification (Red Cross First Aid and CPR). There are a few spots left.

▶ **The Babysitters Course for Adults** 11-13 February 2009

Receive training to earn Red Cross certification in Infant and Child First Aid and CPR to babysit children in their own homes.

Details: 11-13 February 0900-1500 at the at the CYS Services meeting room, Patch building 2347 second floor.

Cost: Free

Registration: CER on Patch building 2347 second floor. Participation in all 3 days is required for certification.

School Liaison Office



▶ **School Advisory Council (SAC) February Meetings**

SAC addresses the following subjects: policies affecting students and parents, administrative procedures affecting students, instructional programs, educational resources, allocation of resources to achieve educational goals, pupil services, and transportation.

As valuable stakeholders, parents are welcome to submit their issues, concerns, or questions in writing to the appropriate school's SAC representative regarding the SAC subjects. In addition, all parents are encouraged to attend their schools' monthly School Advisory Committee Meeting.

RB: 3 February at 1800

PES: 5 February at 1500

BES: 9 February at 1500

PHS: 18 February at 1500

6 February is a school out day for all schools due to parent teacher conferences.

★ Child, Youth, & School Services' Stars ★

▶ **Staff Spotlight**

▶ **Hava Tahirovic** (Patch CDC infant room) has completed foundation level training in November.

▶ **Kat Lonergan** (Patch CDC infant room) has mailed in her CDA packet and is waiting for a decision.

▶ Patch CDC cook, **John Donaldson**, has gone above and beyond by presenting the Cooking with Young Children classes.

▶ Panzer SAS cook, **John Grimes**, has established a hit, "What's Cooking?" a class for parents of school age children.

▶ Congratulations go to FCC Provider **Holly Hicks** on the completion of her Entry Level Training.

▶ Congratulations go to FCC Provider **Alba Lopez** on the completion of her Skill Level Training.

▶ Congratulations go to FCC Provider **Heather Osgood** on the completion of FCC On-Line Profile.

▶ Congratulations go to **Inge Garcia** (Panzer CDC infant room) for achieving her Child Development Associates (CDA).

▶ Congratulations go to **Tiffany Williams** (Panzer CDC toddler room) for achieving her Child Development Associates (CDA).

▶ Congratulations go to **Michelle Durgin** on her promotion to Program Operations Specialist.