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## Camp Zama volunteers help ongoing clean up in Tohoku

Members of a Camp Zama disaster relief volunteer group clean up an apartment in Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture July 23 during a week-long visit there. Ishinomaki was heavily damaged by the earthquake and tsunami that struck Northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011. The city lost more than 4,000 citizens, and extensive damage still remains in many parts of the city. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara** **SEE MORE, PAGE 3**

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# JGSDF Co-op members visit North Dock

**By Tetsuo Nakahara**  
Photo Editor

Nine members of Japan Ground Self Defense Force experienced one-day tour at Yokohama North Dock to learn U.S. Army Japan's facility and their mission July 13.

Members are currently in 65th U.S. Army - JGSDF Cooperative Work Program. The Co-op program is a 10-week program during which JGSDF members stay at Camp Zama to learn about the unit's mission and take part in an intensive language class. It has developed into a top-notch bilateral program since its inception in 1993.

After arriving at YND, the group took a tour to look around the boats and warehouses in YND. Lt. Col. Erick Crews, commander at 836th Transportation Battalion, also held a command briefing and also question and answer time.

"The opportunity to participate in formative bi-lateral engagements such as this is a key to the ongoing positive relationship we have with our Japanese partners," said Crews. "The 836th Transportation Battalion is honored to continue to play a role in the development of the JGSDF Co-Op member's experience."

They had an American style lunch at Negishi Housing Area, followed by the tour to Kanagawa Prefecture Headquarter and Yokohama Maritime Disaster Prevention Base.

"It was good learning experience to see how U.S. Army put value on military



Nine members from 65th U.S. Army - Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces Cooperative Work program visit Yokohama North Dock July 13. U.S. Army photos by Tetsuo Nakahara

logistics after seeing YND," said Sgt. 1st Class Yasuhide Egashira, assigned to Central Readiness Regiment in Camp Utsunomiya and currently sponsored by 88th Military Police Detachment. "The experience I get from the Co-op program will be my fortune. My unit has lots to do with being assigned abroad, so we take the English education seriously. This program is highly recommended to members in my unit, which allows us to stay close with U.S. Army soldiers and work together."

During the program, the member will go through various training and events to brush up English skills and learn U.S. Army function, which are such as oral

presentation, battle focused physical training and combat life saving training. The opportunity gives them a close look of USARJ and also opportunity to build the friendship.

"I would like to gain not only English skills but also the communication skills with others, especially U.S. soldiers," said Cpt. Noriko Wada, Research Department, assigned to Medical School at Camp Misyuku and currently sponsored by Sams Army Health Clinic. "I hope this experience will help me to support JGSDF and U.S. Army's bilateral exercise such as Yamasakura."



Lt. Col. Erick Crews, commander at 836th Transportation Battalion, gives a command briefing to members from 65th U.S. Army - JGSDF Cooperative Work Program at headquarters at Yokohama North Dock.

# Keep Hope Alive: Camp Zama volunteers help with ongoing clean up efforts in Tohokus

By Tetsuo Nakahara  
Photo Editor

ISHINOMAKI, Japan – “It’s just devastation ... all these piles of rubble and disintegrated things were peoples’ lives and possessions, and it’s just gone now. [But] we have the power to help rebuild, and we are using that power now.”

This was the lingering destruction in Ishinomaki City as described by Frank Orenstein, 12, one of a group of 15 volunteers from Camp Zama who spent a week providing extensive disaster relief and community goodwill to the northeastern coastal town.

Ishinomaki, in Miyagi Prefecture, received some of the most extensive damage as a result of the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on March 11, 2011. Of the city’s 163,000 inhabitants in the city, nearly 70 percent were directly affected by the disaster. Around 78,000 buildings were damaged, of which 44,000 were completely destroyed. The city has lost and is missing close to 4,000 people, and damage still remains in many parts of the city.

The volunteer group consisted of Soldiers, family members and teenagers who departed Camp Zama on July 20 and arrived in Ishinomaki to link up with the “Be One” team, a volunteer organization based there.

On their first day there, the group hosted an American-style barbecue for more than 120 people in the city, prepared by Camp Zama’s chaplain community. The next day, a children’s carnival was organized that included games and face-painting among other activities.

“Everybody I met today was so friendly, and the children [here] seemed very excited to interact with Americans,” said Keiko Suzuki, an Ishinomaki resident. “It’s very good to see that they actually care about us and want to help us after the disaster.”

The volunteers took on various tasks throughout the week, such as helping to renovate buildings, cleaning up kindergartens and rebuilding a community park. The labor-intensive work included removing damaged flooring,



Members of a Camp Zama disaster relief volunteer group clean up outside of apartments in Ishinomaki City July 23. The group stayed for a week and gave various volunteer works for the city. U.S. Army photos by Tetsuo Nakahara

ceilings and walls, and clearing rubble and dirt.

“Our purpose is to serve and help the people in Ishinomaki,” said James Corneliussen, Camp Zama’s Religious Education director and the volunteer tour coordinator. “I just want to help the people who have been through this unbelievable experience, and re-establish a sense of normalcy here.”

The Be One team has been working together with Ishinomaki residents for more than 14 months to rebuild a park there. The park was completely covered in rubble, contaminated soil, overturned vehicles and displaced aquatic life after the tsunami struck. Be One began their efforts by raising money to purchase new playground equipment and otherwise fund the renovation. Following the park’s July 23 reopening, children from the volunteer group and Ishinomaki played together there.

“The kids in this community have been looking forward to playing at this park,” said Susumu Tsuchiya, a community leader of nearby Meiwa Town, located about 300 meters from the coast. “It’s just great to see them smiling and playing with friends.”

Tsuchiya described the park as “nothing but miserable” after massive tsunami waves surged through the town’s

streets and residential areas.

“On the day of the tsunami, I saw it coming from the horizon in my room on the fifth floor of the apartment,” said Tsuchiya. “I saw a 20-foot-high wave approaching and everything was washed away, including people and cars and everything. It was just a horrifying experience. But

we’re trying to rebuild the community and move forward.”

Corneliussen organized an initial visit to Ishinomaki with seven people from Camp Zama last April. This most recent effort marked their second time working with Be One.

The entire Camp Zama community supported their efforts, Corneliussen said. The Army and Air Force Exchange donated items to the chapel, the Girl Scout donated

thousands of origami cranes for the Red Cross hospital in Ishinomaki, and the Youth Center donated games for the carnival. The city is still in need of continued support, said Corneliussen.

“It has been overwhelming, and it’s great to see the U.S. Army Garrison Japan community support and wrap their arms around to this [effort],” said Corneliussen. “One of the workers here said a volunteer is like a tsunami: They come in quickly, and leave soon after. But we have an opportunity living here in Honshu to be a constant presence in this region, and to provide constant support.”



Robert Corneliussen, 15, removes nails from the wall of an apartment which was damaged by the tsunami.



The damages still remain in many parts of Ishinomaki City.

# Camp Zama gets ready for Bon Dance Festival

By Tetsuo Nakahara  
Photo Editor

One of the biggest bilateral events on post, the 53rd Annual Camp Zama Bon Odori Festival, will be held Aug. 4. Camp Zama community members started to get ready for the special day by taking traditional Bon Dance lessons from professional sensei or teacher at Camp Zama Community Activity Center.

Masako Kawasaki and Toyoko Akutagawa, Bon dance instructors from the Zama Women's Association, who have been giving Camp Zama members Bon Dance lessons more than 10 years, have given the Bon Dance lectures for community members every Tuesday and Thursday from July 19 to Aug. 2.

The high light of Camp Zama Bon Odori Festival is big crowd's Bon Dance, which all community members and Japanese guests dance together with traditional Japanese music with drums and Japanese flute under the big tower set at Rambler's field at the night.

The Bon Dance is originally started to welcome ancestor's soul with happy dancing during the night in Bon week which is usually during middle of Aug. because Japanese believe that the ancestor's soul come back at night in that week. People from younger to elder gather at park, temple or shrine in the community and dance with traditional Japanese music at night.

"The Bon Dance has its unique rhythm, so it's important to get used to it," said Kawasaki. "But most importantly, it's all about having fun while dancing. I hope many American join our culture and dance together at the night of Bon Odori festival."

Two hours long Bon Dance lessons showed from basic step of Bon Dance by two well experienced teachers with friendly mood. The main songs of Camp Zama Bon Dance such as Tanko Bushi, So-ran Bushi and Zama Ondo



Masako Kawasaki, center, a Bon dance instructor, teaches movements to Camp Zama community members July 26 during a free two-hour lesson at the Community Activity Center. More than 20 members attended the class. U.S. Army photo by Katsutaka Nagatomi

are politely taught by teachers to give participant's enough confidence before the festival. The movement of the dance is based on the story of the song. For example, So-ran Bushi, the one of the most popular traditional Japanese song, is the song about fisherman and each movement is related to fisherman's action such as throwing the net and paddling the boat.

"I think Bon dances are very graceful with detailed hand movements," said Rizza Javier, one of participants at the lesson. "When first learning any of the dances it

was hard because it they were new and because some of the same movements were used in other dances. But after learning one entire phrase of choreography in one song it's fairly easy because the phrase repeats itself to the end of the song.

I am looking forward to dancing around the tower on stage. I love to perform! I also look forward to wearing a yukata while dancing in it. I hope to take many pictures and video of the event, performances, and those I danced with."

## Upcoming Ongoing Events

### 53rd Annual Camp Zama Bon Odori Festival

**Date:** Aug. 4

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Program:** 11 a.m. - Bilateral Adult Basketball Game, 12 p.m. - Bilateral Youth Basketball Game, 1 p.m. - Live Entertainment Begins, 6:40 p.m. - Bon Dance Begins, 8:30 p.m. - Fireworks

### Free Bon Dance Lessons

Free Bon dance lessons are being offered to the Camp Zama community in preparation for the installation's annual Bon Odori Festival, which will be held Aug. 4. Last lessons will be held Aug. 2, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at the Community Activity Center. No registration is required to attend. Call 263-7156 for more information.

### Soldier Show Performances at Zama

Two performances of the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show will be held Aug. 2 at Camp Zama's Music Theater Workshop. Each performance will begin at 6 p.m., and there is no cost to attend. Call 263-3939 for more information.

### SCHOOL BUS NOTIFICATION from Arnn Elementary School

Due to emergency leave, the Transportation Office located at Zama Middle/High School will be closed until 10 August. If your child or children rides a bus, please complete required school bus forms and return them to the school as soon as possible. Forms can be picked up from the school.

If the student is new to Arnn ES, he/she will be contacted after 10 August to arrange a time for a picture to be taken for the Transportation Bus Pass. For more information, call at 267-6602.

### Telecommunications Upgrade at SHA

Due to a telecommunications upgrade being conducted, home phone users at Sagamihara Housing Area may experience intermittent technical difficulties between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. through July 31. Call 263-5644 for more information.

### Parking Lot Closure at Community Club

A portion of the parking lot at the Camp Zama Community Club will be closed from Aug. 6 through 27 due to construction being done on "Narita Bus Road" (the entrance road on the north side of the CZCC). A road will be open for passing traffic through the construction area. Call 263-8721 for more information.

### Youth Wellness Physicals

Youth wellness physicals will be offered Aug. 16 at Camp Zama for children ages 4 and older. The physical is required to register children for Child, Youth and School Services, team sports, after-school and extracurricular activities, school physicals and immunizations. Call 263-4175 to make an appointment, and be sure to bring your child's CYSS forms and immunization records.

**Date:** Aug. 16

**Time:** 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** BG Sams U.S. Army Health Clinic

### Road Closure at MacArthur Drive

A road closure will be in effect through Aug. 18 at a portion of MacArthur Drive near Camp Zama's 1000 block of on-base housing to reroute existing storm drainage piping. Call 263-7073 for more information.

### College, Career Fair for ZAHS students

A "Life After High School" college and career fair will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Zama American High School cafeteria. Call 263-3241 for more information.

## What's Happening Outside the Gate?

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Eagle 810 Radio

### Special Exhibition: Nijo Castle Kyoto @ Edo Tokyo Museum, Now - Sept. 23

English website: <http://nijo-castle2012.jp/blog/category/english>

### "Yugawara Yassa Matsuri" Festival @ Yugawara Town, Kanagawa, Aug. 2-3

This festival originated from dancing and singing performances a feudal lord proposed in the 1500s, to wish for their safety. Around 3,000 adults and children dance in a parade to the rhythmic call of "Yassa, Yassa!"

Aug. 2 - 6 to 9 p.m.: Parade

Aug. 3 - 6 to 7:30 p.m.: Parade

Aug. 3 - 8 to 8:30 p.m.: Fireworks display

### Fussa Tanabata Festival @ JR Fussa Station West Exit Side, Tokyo, Aug. 2-5

### The largest outdoor antique market in Japan "Oedo Antique Market" @ Tokyo International Forum, Aug. 5 & 19

<http://antique-market.jp/eng/index.shtml> <http://antique-market.jp/eng/index.shtml>

### One of the greatest Tanabata festivals in Kanto "Iruma River Tanabata Festival" @ Sayama City, Saitama Pref. Aug. 4 & 5

Aug 4: 11:00-21:30, Aug 5: 11:00-21:00

# 10th Regional Support Group in Okinawa welcomes new commander

By Sgt. 1st Class Howard Reed  
10th Regional Support Group Public Affairs

TORII STATION, Okinawa – Col. Sheila A. Bryant took over command of the 10th Regional Support Group from outgoing commander Col. Lance R. Koenig during a ceremony held Tuesday at the landing zone here.

Approximately 300 service members and Japanese and American civilians witnessed the ceremony, which was presided over by Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison, commander of U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward).

Bryant is a recent graduate of the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. In her remarks immediately after taking command of the 10th RSG, she thanked everyone for their attendance and said she looked forward to establishing a dialogue and a great partnership that incorporates the spirit of “Ichi Dan,” Japanese for “One Team.”

“To the Soldiers arrayed on the field today, this team of teams is impressive and they represent the strength of our great bilateral relationship and joint cooperation,” said Bryant. “My hope is that 24 months from now, the ties that bond us together will become even closer.”

Harrison expressed his gratitude to Koenig and his family for their commitment and dedication during his tenure supporting the Pacific Command’s Theater Security Cooperation Program.

“Your hard work and dedication to mission accomplishment have made this command a shining example for all to emulate,” Harrison told Koenig during his remarks. “Thank you for a job well done.”

The USARJ commander also relayed to the audience that the 10th RSG’s legacy of service through support for the region was further cemented during the humanitarian relief efforts after the Great East Japan Earthquake struck the northeastern area of Japan in March 2011.

The unit served as part of the Joint Logistical Task Force 10 and worked with their Japanese counterparts, the Japanese Self-Defense Forces, offering humanitarian aid in the areas affected by the disaster. In the weeks and months that followed, the combined U.S. and Japanese military effort, referred to Operation Tomodachi, supported Japan with a wide array of disaster-relief efforts. Tomodachi is the Japanese word for “friend.” The operation, the largest in Japan since World War II, took place from March 12 through May 4 and involved the support of 24,000 U.S. service members and 106,000 JSDF members.

“This headquarters is a proven asset to the defense of Japan, stability in the Far East, and contingencies throughout the region,” said Harrison.

Bryant is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Pembroke, where she received her commission in 1988 through the Army’s Reserve Officer Training Corps



Col. Sheila A. Bryant accepts the 10th RSG guidon from Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison, commander of U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward). Bryant became the 23rd commander of the 10th RSG. Col. Lance R. Koenig, who commanded the unit and has been the senior Army commander on Okinawa since July 2010, will move on to his next assignment as the G3 at the 8th Theater Sustainment Command at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. U.S. Army photos by Chip Steitz program.

Her assignments include deployments to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan, where she served as the liaison officer to the J2 and the deputy director for the Defense Intelligence Agency at Combined Media Processing Center – Qatar. She also served as the commander of the 83rd Ordnance Battalion in Japan, and the Defense Logistics Agency Pacific in Hawaii.

Koenig, who commanded the 10th RSG since July 2010, will move on to his next assignment as the G3 at the 8th Theater Sustainment Command at Fort



(From left): Col. Sheila A. Bryant, incoming commander of the 10th Regional Support Group; Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Kevin Bobbitt, deputy commander; and Col. Lance R. Koenig, outgoing commander, inspect troops during the unit’s change-of-command ceremony held Tuesday at Torii Station, Okinawa.

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For questions regarding APF vacancies, please call 263-3755.

For questions regarding NAF vacancies, please call 263-5800.

Non-appropriated fund *Pacific Stars & Stripes* job announcements are available online at <http://cpol.army.mil>. For more information, call the Job Information Center at 229-3163.

Japanese national position vacancies are posted on the Internet at [http://www.usagj.jp.pac.army.mil/imalsites/jesol/rp\\_jjobs\\_list\\_j.asp](http://www.usagj.jp.pac.army.mil/imalsites/jesol/rp_jjobs_list_j.asp). Application forms are available on the same site. Selection status can also be checked. For more information, call 263-3325.

**Child and Youth Program Assistant (Level 2-4)**, (CYS, Zama & SHA), CY-1/2, RFT/RPT, \$9.59 - \$17.09, Close: December 26, 2012

**Recreation Assistant** (Lifeguard), RD, NF-02, Flex, \$ 9.29, Close: Oct. 31, 2012

**Recreation Assistant**, RD, Sagami Depot, Flex, NF-02, \$ 9.29, Close: October 5, 2012

## Other local positions

**Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant (Part-Time):** The U.S. Embassy Tokyo is seeking candidates for the following position: Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant (Part-Time). For position details and application procedures, please see U.S. Embassy website: <http://japan.usembassy.gov/e/infotinfo-jobs.html>

**Pharmacist, Intermittent (420 hours):** Provides pharmacist services for outpatient pharmacy at MEDDAC-Japan, Camp Zama. Must have A degree in Pharmacy from an accredited school in the United States or Canada. This is a contract positions open to SOFA status applicants. Resumes may be sent to [Yoshiyasu.Aoki@us.army.mil](mailto:Yoshiyasu.Aoki@us.army.mil). ALL applicants shall register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov).

**Opportunity for extra income:** Camp Zama Garrison Chaplain's Office is taking contract applications for watch care walkers and musicians. Applications are available at the Camp Zama Chapel. Please contact SFC Jessie Flores at 263-8064 or Ms. Nobuko Motgi at 263-4898. Deadline is August 31.

**Security Attendants Needed:** This is a part-time position; training will be provided. Hourly pay \$13. For more information, stop by Bldg. 102, Room A-101, next to the Student Transportation Office. Call 263-5898 for more information.

**Project/Task Manager:** General Dynamics Information Technology is looking for a project manager at Camp Zama. Candidates must be a graduate of a military command and staff college or higher and have experience with the U.S. Army doctrine, organization, and procedures. Apply by sending a cover letter and resume to [asdjobs@gdit.com](mailto:asdjobs@gdit.com) with "Camp Zama" in the subject line. General Dynamics Information Technology is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer.

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**Substitute teachers:** Zama American High/Middle School are currently accepting applications for substitute teachers. U.S. citizenship and a high school diploma or GED are required. Call 263-4005 for more information.

## Vehicles for sale

**06 Toyota Estima Aero G V6:** 3.5l 6sp AT JCI 4/2013 69K KM One owner, Best Offer, available Aug.20, 09060420797 / 08034167390. (2)

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## Wanted

**Instructors:** Child Youth & School Services SKIES Unlimited Program is looking for certified instructors to teach the following classes; filmmaking, dance, guitar, piano, martial arts, gymnastics, boxing, drivers education and digital arts. SKIES is also looking for either certified or volunteer instructors for Art, Photography, Bowling, Cooking, Babysitting and Academic Support. If interested, please contact Nicholas Andrews, SKIES Unlimited Director at 263-5441.

**Volunteer at U.S. Army Garrison Japan Postal Service Center:** Volunteer opportunities are available in the USAGJ Postal Service Center, we will provide you with valuable training in Post Office and Unit Mailroom operations. Please contact Army

Community Services at 263-8087 for details and assistance on volunteering your services.

**English teachers:** A small off-post home school (about 200 students) near Sagami Depot. First time teachers welcome! Classes available Mon. - Thu. 1pm to 9pm (No weekends or Fridays!) Call for details. Derek Partington English School, home 042-756-4483; cell 090-3082-4439 or E-mail: [partngtn@jcom.home.ne.jp](mailto:partngtn@jcom.home.ne.jp)

**ESL teacher:** Seeking ESL teachers for two conversational group classes. One requires travel to Tama and is very accessible by car. Meeting times are the 1st and 3rd Sat. from 10:30 a.m. - noon for one class and Sat. from 3 to 4 p.m. for the second. Pay is ¥7,500 and ¥3,000 per hour respectively. Call 090-549-6725 or e-mail [shantee12@yahoo.com](mailto:shantee12@yahoo.com).

## Pets

**Animal adoption:** Dogs and cats are available for adoption at the Camp Zama Veterinary Clinic. For more information, call 263-3875.

## Others

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Starting June 26, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) on Camp Zama meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. AA is a no-cost, confidential forum for those seeking support and fellowship in a lifestyle free of alcohol and drugs. Meeting time is 7 to 8 PM. Location is building 533, 2nd floor. For more information, call 090-1771-4271

**Cub Scout Pack 34:** P34 meets every 2nd Thurs 7 p.m. Zama Scout Hut Bldg 533. Parents & Single-Soldier Volunteers are welcome. All boys age 7 or grades 1 - 5 are encouraged to join us for great learning experiences, character building and fun! Contact [cubmaster@zamacubscouts.org](mailto:cubmaster@zamacubscouts.org).

**ZaCSA's East Meets West Shop:** located behind the dry cleaners on Camp Zama, carries vintage Japanese items and collectibles. Store hours are year round, every Tuesday from 10a.m. to 2:30p.m., and from August to May, every Thursday from 4p.m. to 6:30p.m. Profits from the shop go back to the community in scholarships and welfare grants. For additional information please call 263-5533. Stop on by and check it out.

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## MOVIE SCHEDULE Sagamihara Theater

For ratings and run times, visit: [www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-CampZama.htm](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-CampZama.htm)

### Thursday, August 2

2 p.m. - Men in Black III  
7 p.m. - The Dark Knight Rises

### Friday, August 3

3 p.m. - Snow White and the Huntsman  
6 p.m. - Step Up Revolution  
9 p.m. - The Watch

### Saturday, August 4

- Closed for Bon Odori Festival

### Sunday, August 5

3 p.m. - Snow White and the Huntsman  
6 p.m. - Step Up Revolution

### Monday, August 6

3 p.m. - Step Up Revolution  
7 p.m. - The Avengers

### Tuesday, August 7

3 p.m. - Snow White and the Huntsman  
6 p.m. - Step Up Revolution

### Wednesday, Aug. 8

3 p.m. - The Avengers  
6 p.m. - The Watch



## Atsugi Cinema 77

For ratings and run times, visit: [www.cnrc.navy.mil/Atsugi/FleetAndFamilyReadiness/ThingsToDo/Entertainment/index.htm](http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/Atsugi/FleetAndFamilyReadiness/ThingsToDo/Entertainment/index.htm)

### Thursday, August 2

5:30 p.m. - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

### Friday, August 3

7 p.m. - Madagascar 3  
9:30 p.m. - Prometheus

### Saturday, August 4

4 p.m. - Ice Age Continental Drift  
6:30 p.m. - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel  
9:30 p.m. - Chernobyl Diaries

### Sunday, August 5

3 p.m. - Madagascar 3  
4:30 p.m. - Men in Black III  
8 p.m. - The Dark Knight Rises

### Monday, August 6

7 p.m. - Prometheus

### Tuesday, August 7

5:30 p.m. - Snow White and the Huntsman

### Wednesday, Aug. 8

7 p.m. - Madagascar 3  
9:30 p.m. - The Dark Knight Rises

### Thursday, Aug. 9

5:30 p.m. - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel



Jonathan Corneliussen, 10, shoots the ball during a soccer clinic which was hosted by the British Football Academy at the field behind Yano Fitness Center July 19. U.S. Army photo by Nik Hernandezsire

# Super Summer Soccer with British Football Academy

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Boys and girls from Camp Zama chased the soccer ball under the summer sun on the green field behind Yano Fitness Center during a five-day soccer clinic from July 16 to 20.

The clinic was hosted by coaches from the British Football Academy in Tokyo. BFA is a professional coaching organization which was established in 2004 and operates out of a number of locations in the Kanto plain area. This will be the 6th time hosting a clinic at Camp Zama.

Approximately 40 youth from ages 5 to 18 years signed up for the program organized by Youth Sports and Fitness here at Camp Zama. The children had an opportunity

to take part in various activities and games taught by the coaches.

"I really like coming here" said head coach Dave Callaghan. "It's nice coming here, playing on grass and teaching the kids. Much of the feedback that we've gotten was that it's pretty fun."

Other than just the fundamentals, the children also learned more about sportsmanship and teamwork from the coaches' drills.

"I think it's fun, and the coaches teach you new stuff and it's nice," said Maya Carter, 9, one of the participants of the clinic.

Drinks were provided by the YSF staff to prevent heat injuries among the children during the day and night. The clinic was separated into two age groups: 5-to-8 year olds

during the day and 9-to-18 year olds in the evening.

"It's really fun," said Nick Vandenburg, 16. "A lot of people are having fun, playing as a team it's a good opportunity for other people to come, it's just amazing."

Parents also came to watch their kids play and be active during the summer vacation.

"I think the British Soccer Academy is an outstanding program for the youth" says David Ames, a parent of one of the children who attended the clinic.

"I gain a sense of satisfaction in developing better players, and better people," said Callaghan. "I hope the kids gain a sense of fun for the game of football, and a love of the game, and will continue playing after we leave them."



A group of children playing soccer chase the ball during a practice match. U.S. Army photo by Jessica Flores



Coaches from British Football Academy give instructions to young players. U.S. Army photo by Nicholas Zeagler

# Styling with 'Yukata' in summer



Visitors at the 2009 Bon Odori Festival dance on Camp Zama's Rambler Field while wearing a yukata, a lighter version of the kimono that is worn during the summer. U.S. Army photos by Tetsuo Nakahara

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Fireworks, *Bon* dancing and traditional ceremonies: summer is the festival season in Japan during which all ages can enjoy the warm weather and fun atmosphere. And the *yukata* is the perfect outfit for such events. Because they see it as a hallmark of culture in Japan, Japanese people are fond of wearing yukatas during this festival season.

The yukata is a summer kimono worn by both men and women. The name "yukata" comes from the words "yu" (bath) and "katabira" (under clothing). Today, the traditional Japanese yukata is widely used for everything from festivals, *ryokan*, or even daily summer wear and nighttime

attire. In contrast to the kimono, which is more suited for formal occasions, the yukata was originally designed to be worn in summer after bathing as a cool and comfortable alternative.

Yukatas are becoming more popular, as retailers have begun offering an increasingly wide selection, ranging from traditional designs to more contemporary ones featuring frilly accessories and other such embellishments. Reasonably priced yukata sets, which include an *obi* (sash) and a pair of *geta* (wooden clogs), are now widely available, making these traditional garments more accessible to young people as well.

Every year, many Camp Zama Community members wear yukatas and dance at the installation's annual Bon Odori Festival.

"I'm glad that Americans really like traditional Japanese yukatas and kimono," said Misako Okamoto, a kimono fitting instructor with the All-Japan Kimono Consultant Association. "When I see an entire American family wearing yukatas at the Bon Odori Festival and enjoying Japan, I feel so happy."

Okamoto has been helping Camp Zama members for more than 10 years, teaching them the proper way to wear kimonos and yukatas. She has also traveled to more than 100 countries as an ambassador of kimono instructors.

"I had an opportunity to make international friendships through [teaching about] kimonos," said Okamoto. "Every time I go to Camp Zama, people are very welcoming to me and interested in

kimonos."

It is not only women who enjoy wearing the yukata; the number of men who don the outfit every summer has also steadily increased.

Reflecting the recent demand for yukatas, mass retailers are selling sets that include an obi and geta at prices as low as \$40 to \$70, and these deals have even attracted customers with no experience in wearing traditional clothing. At the other end of the price spectrum, high-end department stores sell exquisitely crafted yukata made from the finest materials for about \$700 to \$1,000.

"Yukatas can fit anyone if you know the proper way to fit them," said Okamoto. "I recommend Camp Zama members staying in Japan to wear a yukata at least once."



There are various combinations of obi and yukata. (Above right): Japanese teenagers wear yukatas.



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Misako Okamoto, a kimono fitting instructor with the All-Japan Kimono Consultant Association, has instructed people on how to wear yukatas for more than 10 years at Camp Zama for the annual Bon Odori Festival.