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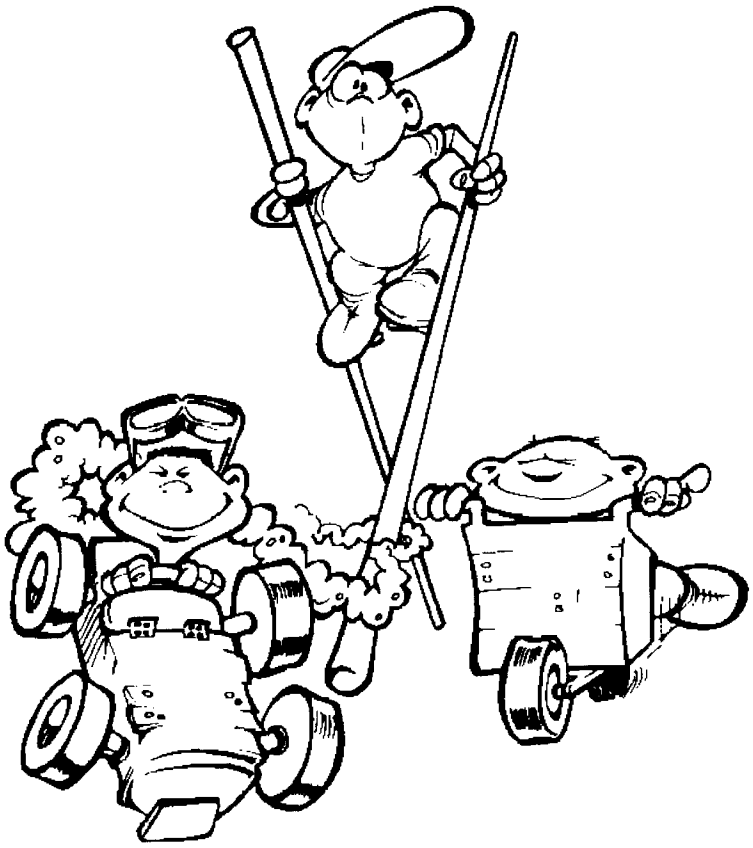

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YOKOSUKA

1. *MIKASA PARK (三笠公園)*

This park is only ten minutes away from the main gate of Yokosuka base.
There is the Mikasa flag ship museum and a series of manmade streams and waterfalls that run through the park.
* See Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC) Handout for further information

2. *MONKEY ISLAND (猿島)*

Monkey Island has been reopened by the city of Yokosuka as wildlife preserve. Ferries leave Mikasa Park regularly from 0830. The last ferry returns at 1700. There are hiking trails and picnic areas as well as great vistas of Tokyo Bay and Yokosuka. No trash is to be left on the island. Ferryboat is ¥1200 for adults and ¥600 for children

3. "*KIDS PLAZA*" in Saikaya department store

There is a tiny amusement park on the roof of the New Annex of Saikaya. There are some games and rides for small children. It's a fun place to drop by while shopping.
The cost for each ride is ¥100 and above.

4. *YOKOSUKA CITY MUSEUM (横須賀市歴史博物館)*

Walking distance from the base. This museum shows the history of Yokosuka and the Kanagawa prefecture. Cost is FREE. Open Tues -- Sun 0900-1700. See FFSC handout for directions.

5. *UMIBETSURI PARK* (Seaside Fishing Park 海辺釣り公園)

This park is located not too far from the Yokosuka base, along side New Heisei road, which is a wide-open road. They have many activities for children and adults to relax and have fun. There is a playground with a wooden pirate ship, which you can run, jump, and slide on. In addition to enjoying the scenery of Tokyo Bay, you can fish and look at a shell fountain.

6. *KANNONZAKI PARK (観音崎公園)*

The Kannonzaki Light House was built in 1869, but its duties have been taken over by the Uraga Traffic Control Center, also located in the park. This modern, radar-studded concrete tower, visible from base, guides the 1,000 ships traveling past Kannonzaki every day. Many hiking paths nestled in the scenic hills, ships steaming past in Tokyo bay, and a nature museum dedicated to those who make their living from the sea, are a few of the many interesting points located within the area.
* To get there by bus: Exit the main gate, turn right and go to the bus stop #1 located only a few yards away from the main gate. Catch bus #24 and ride to the end of the route (about 30-45 minutes) in the midst of the park and start exploring. To return, get on any bus with the characters to Yokosuka Station. Adults: ¥430, children: ¥220 (children 6-11 years old).
* By Car: Turn left out the gate, follow route 16 for .8 km at this point Route 16 will turn left, continue on route 16 for 5.7 km. You will see parking on the left and right sides of the street. Parking: CARS Saturday and Sunday, Japanese holidays (Sept. - June) ¥520 all day, (July 1- Aug. 31) everyday ¥840, MOTORBIKES ¥100 all year.

7. *KURIHAMA FLOWER WORLD / ADVENTURE LAND (久里浜花の国)*

This is a fun place that is perfect for a picnic or a day outing. The large park will be covered with poppies in May and cosmos in September. There is Adventure Land for children and an herb garden for those who have a green thumb or enjoy cooking. Don't forget to take a camera and to bring a lunch with you to the park.

To enter the Herb Garden, pay ¥500 for adults and ¥200 for children. The herb garden is open from 0900 am to 1800 pm. See FFSC handout.

8. COMMODORE PERRY MONUMENT (ペリー公園)

Kurihama is noted as the place where Commodore Perry handed a letter from US President Millard Fillmore to the Tokugawa "Shogun's" representative in 1853, demanding the opening of Japanese ports to American commerce. A monument was erected in memory of this historic event and to commemorate his arrival. There is also a museum in honor of Commodore Perry, which is open from 0900-1630 daily (except on Monday and the day after a Japanese holiday). Admission: Free

* To get there by public transportation: From Yokosuka Chuo Train Station take the red or green Kanji train to Keikyu Kurihama, then transfer to bus stop #2. Take bus #6, 7, or 8; get off at the Perry Memorial Statue (Bus Stop: Perry Kinenhi). Train fare: Adults ¥190, bus fare: ¥150.

* To get there by car: Take a left out the gate and follow Rt. 16/134, (3.6 km) from Base. Remain on Rt. 134 as it turns right at the Kentucky Fried Chicken and Red Lobster corner. Continue on Rt. 134, (2.0 km) to the blue sign near Denny's restaurant, at the Kita Kurihama Station. Remain in the left lane through the big intersection and continue straight (in the left lane) for 4 km, through Kurihama toward the Port of Kurihama to the T-intersection turn right and follow the road .4 km; look to the right and you will see the monument and the museum.

MIURA

9. *ABURATSUBO MARINE PARK (油壷マリンパーク)*

A beautiful landscaped park, Aburatsubo is perched above the ocean on a rocky tip at the foot of Miura Peninsula. Its main attraction is the aquarium situated off to the left as one enters the park. In the aquarium are fish of every shape and form including a giant eel, a fish mathematician, tropical observation platform, souvenir shops, and a game center. The park is open daily from 0900-1700 and is closed the last three (3) days of the year. Adults ¥1700, children (6-11 yrs) ¥850, and children (4-5 yrs) are ¥450. See FFSC handout for directions.

10. *JOGASHIMA ISLAND (城ケ島公園)*

Jogashima Island is a tiny island off the tip of the Miura Peninsula. A toll bridge runs from the mainland to the island. A small fishing village and sandy beaches are on the western end and a lovely park is on the eastern end.

* To get there by public transportation: From Yokosuka Chuo Station take a Red Kanji train bound to Misakiguchi, which is the end of the line. At the Misakiguchi Station take a bus to Jogashima, bus #9 at bus stop #2. Get off at the last stop.

* To get there by car: Take a left out the gate and follow Rt. 16/134, 3.6 km from Base. Remain on Rt. 134 as it turns right at the Kentucky Fried Chicken and Red Lobster corner. Continue on Rt.134, 2.0 km to the blue sign near Denny's restaurant, at the Kita Kurihama Station. Remain in the left lane through the big intersection and continue straight for 2.0 km to Kurihama where Rt. 134 turns right. Turn right, continue on Rt. 134 for 3.2 km, at this

point you will see a sign in Japanese to Misaki (三崎), it veers to the right, and Rt. 134 continues. The landmarks in the next 4.9 km include: Hungry Tiger, Ringer Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Denny's, 7-11, all on the right, the ocean on the left. Look specifically for the McDonalds. Stay in the left lane this corner and turn so McDonalds is on your left and gas station is on your right. Continue on Rt. 134 for 2.7 km, (you will see a route 134 sign on an overpass), an NTT building will be on the left and lots of farms can be seen. The next sign is blue and in English, follow it to Jogashima. The next landmark you will see in 1.4 km will be a police station on the left. Watch for a blue sign in English to Jogashima, 1.2 km at this point you will turn left, a Family Mart will be on the left corner. The next blue sign to Jogashima is in English and will be 1 km down the road. It takes you to the toll bridge to the Island. The toll is ¥150 for cars, ¥300 for vans. Enjoy your day. It takes about 45-50 minutes when the traffic is average.

11. ***ENOSHIMA ISLAND (江ノ島)***

Enoshima Island is a picturesque little island. It has an assortment of Souvenir shops and restaurants. On the top part of the island, which is reached by an outdoor escalator, there is a complex of 3 major buildings comprising Enoshima Jinja (Shrine). There is also a Tropical Garden and an observation tower affording a panoramic view of the coastline and Mt. Fuji.

* To get there by public transportation:

By JR Train: Turn right after going through the main gate. Stay on the right side of the road. The road curves to the right, you will pass through a park, you will come to the city bus terminal and JR Yokosuka train station. Take the train 4 stops to Kamakura, when you exit the train, go down the stairs and go through the west exit then transfer to the Enoden Line, get off at the Enoshima Station.

Or by the JR line and monorail: Follow the above directions but stay on the train until you reach Ofuna. 6 stops, then transfer to the Shonan Monorail and go to Shonan-Enoshima Station.

* Driving: Exit the main gate, turn right on Rt. 16 and left at Daiei Shoppers Plaza and get on the slot road. Go past Shioiri Station. Go straight on Rt. 27 to the "T" intersection through two tunnels. Turn right onto Rt. 134. Travel about 2 km to Nagae crossroad and turn to get on the Shonan beach drive through the tunnel. You are still on Rt.134. Drive on the coast line past Kamakura. On your left you will see an island connected to Rt. 134 by bridge. That is Enoshima island.

- ENOSHIMA-JINJA SHRINE (江ノ島神社)

  Up the narrow street lined with shops and restaurants, there is a large red "torii" that marks the beginning of the Shrine complex. Hetsuno-miya shrine, the central shrine, was built in 1206, the other two are Nakatsuno-miya and Okutsuno-miya. On the left side of Hetsuno-miya is an octagonal structure housing a statue of nude goddess (Hadaka-Benzai-Ten). Open daily 0900-1630. Admission: Adults ¥150, Junior and Senior high school students ¥100, Elementary students ¥50.

- ENOSHIMA TROPICAL GARDEN (Enoshima Shokubutsu-en、江ノ島植物園)

  At the end of the outdoor escalator on the top of the island is a garden of tropical plants. The garden extends around an observation tower that offers a view of the beaches and Mt. Fuji. Open daily 0900-1700. Admission: Adults ¥200, Junior and Senior high school students ¥200, Elementary students ¥100. (Observation Tower: Adults ¥200, children ¥120)

- ENOSHIMA AQUARIUM (新江ノ島水族館)

  TO GET THERE: Take the JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Station and transfer to the Enoden Line. You can buy transfer ticket to Enoshima Station on ENOSHIMA DENTETSU LINE (ENODEN). Get off at Enoshima Station and walk about 10- minute toward to ocean. Dolphins, whales and other aquatic creatures perform stunts and routines, an aquarium (Suizokukan) that contains 400 kinds of fish from all over the world and where sea lions, penguins and such from aquatic environments are exhibited.
  Open: 9:00AM – 5:00PM
  Admission: Adults ¥2000, Elementary ¥1000, Younger ¥600 (over 3 yrs old)

- ENOSHIMA IWAYA CAVE (江ノ島岩屋洞窟)

  This sea cave has two main caverns, the first one 152 meters in length and the second, 112 meters. It is said to be the place from which the belief in the goddess Benten originated. Inside the cave there is a mysterious sound and light production. The cave is also filled with the progression of Enoshima's history and culture, as represented in the displays of Ukiyo paintings and artifacts based on the dragon-god legend.
  30 min. walk. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (6 p.m. in summer)
  Adults ¥500 Children ¥200

YOKOHAMA

12. ***SEA PARADISE*** **(八景島シーパラダイス)**

See FFSC handout

13. ***KANAZAWA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN (金沢動物公園)***

See FFSC handout

14. ***NOGEYAMA ZOO (野毛山動物園)***

See FFSC handout

15. ***YOKOHAMA BAYSIDE SIGHT SEEING***

See FFSC handout

16. ***YAMASHITA PARK (山下公園)***

The oldest harbor park in the country. A popular place with a typical harbor scene. On the ginkgo tree-lined park street are many modern hotels and restaurants. See Chinatown handout

- HIKAWA-MARU (氷川丸)

A former passenger liner now permanently docked at Yamashita-Koen Park harbor. For 30 years, stopping in 1980, the Hikawa-Maru operated as a trans-pacific ship. The ship can be boarded and in the summer it becomes a floating beer garden. Open daily 0930 - 2100 (end of July- end of August); 0930 - 1900 (in other seasons). Admission: Adults ¥800, Elementary and Junior High students ¥400, Younger ¥300 (over 3 yrs old)

- YOKOHAMA HARBOR EXCURSION BOAT (Yokohama-Ko Kanko-Sen)

Next to Hikawa-Maru is the pier for the harbor cruise.
The "Marine Shuttle" 1030 - 1830: 90 minute course Adults ¥2000, Child ¥1000
60 minute course Adults ¥1200, Child ¥600
40 minute course Adults ¥500, Child ¥250

From the pier the "Sea Bass" goes to Yokohama Station. (East exit, Sogo Department Store) takes 15 minutes. The "Sea Bass" runs between 1000 and 1900 and departs every 15 minutes. Fare: Adults ¥500, Children ¥250

17. *MARINE TOWER (マリンタワー)*

The tower is 106 meters high and is located along Yamashita-Koen Park Street. There is an observation platform at the top from which Chinatown, the harbor and much of Yokohama can be seen. Near the base is an aviary "Bird-pia" and Yokohama Marine Science Museum (Kaiyo-Kagaku-Hakubutsukan). Marine Tower: Open daily 1000 - 2100 (end of July and end of August), 1000 - 1800 (December - February) 1000 - 1900 (in other seasons). Admission for Tower Elevator: Adults ¥700, Elementary and Junior High ¥350, Kindergarten ¥250.

TOKYO

18. *NATIONALS CHILDREN'S CASTLE (子供の城)*

See FFSC handout

19. *NHK TV STUDIO*

See FFSC handout

20. *TOKYO TOWER (東京タワー)*

See FFSC handout

21. *UENO PARK AND ZOO (上野動物園)*

See FFSC handout

22. *SUNSHINE CITY (サンシャインシティ)*

See FFSC handout

23. *TOKYO SEA LIFE PARK (葛西臨海公園)*

See FFSC handout

24. *TOSHIMAEN AMUSEMENT PARK (としま園)*

See FFSC handout

25. *EDO-TOKYO MUSEUM (江戸博物館)*

The museum is right next to Sumo Kokugikan Hall. See FFSC handout on Sumo