Spouses- Welcome To SOS!

Goals:
Network, Network, Network
Get involved – Make Friends!
SOS Student Spouses
Please Join…

“SOS Student Spouses”

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2157339691247004
What is SOS?

• 5-week immersive leadership and education course for all USAF captains/captain equivalents

• **Mission of SOS**: Educate Air Force captains to **think**, **communicate**, **cooperate** and **lead** in the joint environment

• The only time in a career where 100% of an officer’s peer group attends an in-residence Professional Military Education program
SOS Organizational Structure

Commandant

Vice Commandant

Operations Directorate

Academic Affairs

Mission Support

30th Student Squadron

31st Student Squadron

32d Student Squadron

33d Student Squadron

1 Squadron is always designated an “Accompanied Sq” (rotates each SOS class)

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Aim High...Fly – Fight – Win
SOS Spouses' Legacy

- Spouses have been an integral part of SOS since 1950

- You are welcome to attend Polifka lectures
  - Inspirational, historical, educational
  - Senior Leaders, Medal of Honor recipients, & more!
  - No small children please (you can watch in a flight room)

- Feel like a challenge?
  - Complete the Commandant’s Challenge 5K run

- Want to volunteer? Ask a Key Spouse via Facebook page

- Other base activities and local info
  - Check out 42FSS website: [https://www.lifeatthemax.us/](https://www.lifeatthemax.us/)
  - Check out Montgomery’s Visitor page: [www.montgomeryal.gov](http://www.montgomeryal.gov)
  - Birmingham & Mobile are a short drive away!
    - [www.informationbirmingham.com](http://www.informationbirmingham.com) & [www.cityofmobile.org](http://www.cityofmobile.org)
What You Need To Do...

- **SPONSOR** should contact Student Services
  - SOS can’t put you in accompanied squadron (Sq) if we don’t know you’re coming
  - **SOS will not** move your spouse after Day 1 of class
  - **NLT 14 days prior** to attending SOS contact Student Services at SOS-studentservices@au.af.edu to request the accompanied Sq

- **Bringing kids and/or pets?** Off-base or FamCamp

- **TLF available if TDY-en-route (need orders)**- Call lodging
  - Once TLF is full...Only option is off-base or FamCamp
  - Ask about if you will get a Non-Availability Letter

- **Rules for lodging with family:**
  - No kids? – you **may** get a private billeting suite (if avail)
  - Children & pets are **NOT** allowed in SOS dorms
  - Contact lodging for complete details and requests
  - SOS **cannot** recommend off-base lodging
  - You will be reimbursed the cost of lodging at Maxwell AFB University Inn; you pay the difference out of pocket

If you have lodging questions...
Call Maxwell Lodging
334-953-2804 (comm)
493-2804 (DSN)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**
SOS is **NOT** an accompanied TDY. Being in the accompanied SQ is a courtesy SOS extends to our students. Being in the accompanied SQ does **NOT** guarantee child care or lodging will be available. It is the **SPONSOR’s** responsibility to coordinate special accommodations.
Big Events

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- **Nutshell Night** – 1st week of class!!! (specific day TBD)
  - Icebreaker with other spouses!
  - Meet the Commandant & SQ/CC
  - Food & Beverages provided

- **Friday of Week 1**….. **SOS Social!!!**
  - **Jousting**, Food, Beverages, FUN!

- **FLEX (Field Leadership Exercise)***
  - War planning game... w/ dodge balls
  - Support your flight!
  - Juice boxes & orange slices always a popular hit (optional)

- **Spouses Project X** *
  - Spouses execute Project X
  - We promise challenging obstacles & FUN!

- **Commandant’s Challenge 5K run** – App. Day 22

- **GRADUATION** – Day 24 of class
  - Bring the Family!!

...PLUS Squadron Specific Events!!!

* = Kid friendly OR childcare location provided
Activities To Do...

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• **Playgrounds:**
  - Freedom Park, 400 Maxwell BLvd East, Maxwell AFB
  - Pirate Park, Fam Camp, 390 March Road, Maxwell AFB
  - Kids Splash Pad, Intersection Of Spaatz St and Hodges Ave, Gunter Annex. Free
  - Pratt Park, 460 Doster Road, Prattville
  - Kids Kingdom at Village Green Park, 3199 Main St, Millbrook
  - Gold Star Park, 295 Ready St, Wetumpka
  - River Front Park (splash pad only), 355 Commerce St, Montgomery

• **Parks:**
  - Wilderness Bamboo Forest, 800 Upper Kingston Road, Prattville
  - Lanark Nature Center/Alabama Wildlife Federation, 2861 Lanark Road, Millbrook
  - Jackson Lake Goat Island, Cypress Lane, Millbrook

• **Indoor Activities:**
  - Digital Resource Center (Kids Library), 910 Schumacher Ave, MAFB
  - Maxwell Bowling Alley, 45 Selfridge St, Maxwell AFB
  - Gunter Bowling Alley, 816 North Butler Ave, Gunter Annex, Montgomery
  - Maxwell Fitness Center Parents Room located in the Annex. 50 Ash St, MAFB
  - Rock & Jump Trampoline Park, 5544 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery
  - Launch Trampoline Park, 891 Boardroom Drive, Prattville
  - Museum of Fine Arts Children’s Room, 1 Museum Drive, Montgomery
  - Newtopia Bounce House Fun Park, 3731 Malcolm Drive, Montgomery
  - Gramma’s Attic, Alabama Department of Archives, 624 Washington Ave, Mgm
  - Armory Athletics & Gymnastics, 1018 Madison Ave, Montgomery
**Activities To Do...**

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- **Indoor Activities:** Gayle Planetarium, 1010 Forest Ave, Montgomery  
  Mooseum, 201 South Bainbridge St., Montgomery

- **Additional Activities:** Montgomery Zoo, 2301 Coliseum Drive, Montgomery  
  Old Alabama Town (free every first Saturday), 301 Columbus St, Montgomery

- **Babysitters:** Contact CDC at 334-953-6667. You can post a “Sitter Needed” note at the CDC.

- **Thrift Shop:** MGOSC Thrift Shop, 10 Webster Ave, Maxwell AFB. 334-953-6407 (Check the hours)
Activities To Do...

• **Seasonal Activities:**
  • Lake Martin Maxwell-Gunter Recreation Area, 350 Air Force Road, Dadeville
  • Montgomery Motor Sports Park, 2600 North Belt Drive, Montgomery
  • Montgomery Curb Farmers Market, 1004 Madison Ave, Montgomery
  • East Chase Farmers Market, 7274 Eastchase Parkway, Montgomery
  • Sweet Creek Farm Market, 85 Meriwether Road, Pike Road
  • Sugar Hill Farm (strawberry picking), 3358 County Road 59, Verbena
  • Peach Park, 2300 South 7th Street, Clanton
  • Barber Berry Farm (blueberry picking), 2362 Alabama River Parkway, Millbrook
  • Penton Farms (pumpkin patch), 3595 County Road 59, Verbena
  • Dream Field Farms (pumpkin patch), 6376 US-82, Fitzpatrick
  • Cornfield County Farms (pumpkin patch), 214 South Redland Road, Wetumpka
  • Oakview Farms, 164 Dewberry Trail, Wetumpka
Medical Care

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• If TDY or PCS/Enroute from outside the TRICARE EAST region, not eligible for care at Maxwell Clinic

• **Emergency Care** (Life, Limb, Eyesight) is always covered
  – Go to nearest Emergency Room

• **Urgent Care** (downtown) is the best short-term option
  – # of visits **now** unlimited
  – Prior-PCM authorization for care **NOT** required

• **TRICARE EAST**
  – 1-800-444-5445

• **Nurse Advice Line**
  – 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), Option 1
  – 24/7 Coverage
Evacuation Assembly Areas - Outdoors

Active Shooter – RC radios SQ/CCs
If shooter is.....
Near—take cover wherever able
Not in vicinity—go to SOS dorms
Location unknown—go to SOS dorms

Shelter-In-Place (SIP) – RC radios SQ/CCs
Near—move crosswind/upwind of threat
Not in vicinity—recover to Polifka

FLEX Fields

Project X
(alt evac point—as conditions warrant)

BOMB THREAT
Volleyball Court 1

FIRE Field 1

Severe WX
B1425
31/32 STUS

Severe WX
B1491
33 STUS

OTS Complex

908th Hangars
(alt evac point—as conditions warrant)

All Units—perform Accountability Checks
Active Shooter – “Lockdown” (x3) or AtHoc

- Move to secure location
  - Secure door, limit noise/movement, lights off, close blinds
- DON’T pull fire alarm
- DON’T use phones unless you hear gunfire
- Get accountability
- Wait until “All Clear” given

Shelter-In-Place (S.I.P.)

- Your squadron Hallway
- Cover vents & doors w/ plastic & duct tape
- Place wet towels on door thresholds
- Perform accountability checks

Severe Weather

- Ground Floor Hallways
Maxwell AFB
Phone Numbers of Interest

Airman & Family Readiness Center: 334-953-2353
Auto Shop: 334-953-6840
Maxwell Bowling Center: 334-953-5049
Child Development Center: 334-953-6667
Cypress Tree Golf: 334-953-2209
Digital Resource Center, mini kids library & free computers: 334-953-6484
Education: 334-953-5959
Fam Camp, including canoe & kayak rental: 334-953-5161
Family Child Care (CDC): 334-953-2585
Fitness & Sports Center: 334-953-5953
Hopper Lodge: 334-953-6168
Information, Tickets & Tours: 334-953-6351
Lodging Office: 334-953-2055
Maxwell Club: 334-953-7820
MPS: 334-953-6487
Rickenbackers Cafe with Starbucks: 51 Chestnut St, Bldg 680, Maxwell AFB
Outdoor Recreation & Equipment Checkout: 334-953-6144
Pool, outdoor seasonal: 334-953-5956
River Front Inn, dining facility, must be accompanied by AD member: 334-953-5127
Youth Center Programs: 334-953-6292
Military One Source Non-Medical Counseling: 1-800-342-9647
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