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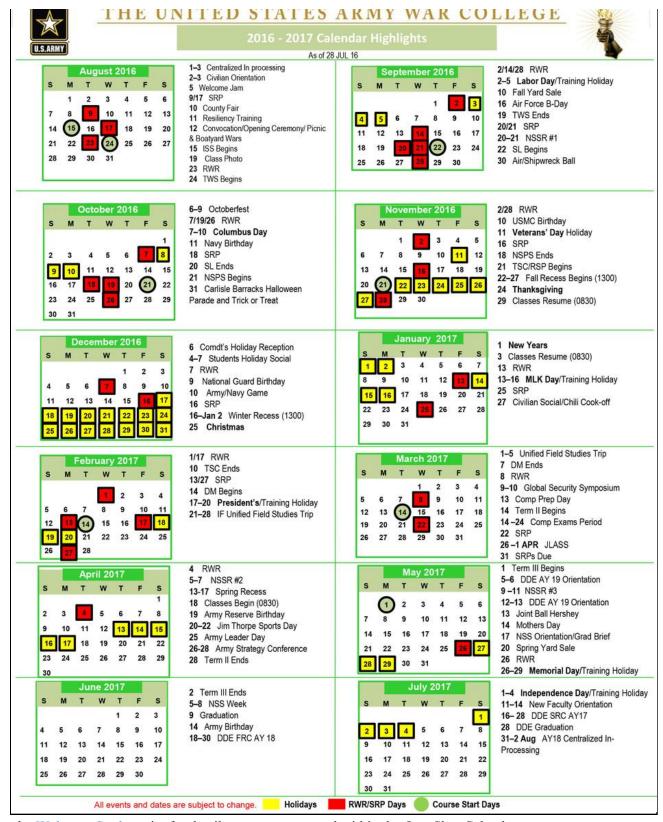
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Opportunities abound for new Army War College students and their families to learn more about their new community during a series of welcome events over the next few weeks. Check out the list below, the Banner Online at www.carlisle.army.mil/banner, the on-post digital signage and the Community Calendar at <a href="http://public.carlisle.army.mil/sites/communitycalendar/default.aspx">http://public.carlisle.army.mil/sites/communitycalendar/default.aspx</a>

You can also find great information in our "Fast Facts" guide.

And, use the one-shot calendar as your scheduling start-point.





See the Welcome Student site for details on acronyms used within the One-Shot Calendar.

### Aug. 1-5 - Vacation Bible School at Post Chapel

One of the first opportunities for kids to get to know each other before the school year is the annual Vacation Bible School at the post chapel, which is set for Aug. 1-5 this year. The program is aimed at children aged 4 through 6th grade. Kids can be registered at the post chapel at 455 Mara Circle. Volunteers are welcome for kids and teens 7th- 12th grade. For more information or to register call 245-4330.

# 2- High School Welcome Jam

Informal, fun, and free for High School Teens in grades 9-12, scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the McConnell Youth Center. Find old friends and meet new ones through ice-breakers, group games, dancing, and food.

### 3- Middle School Welcome Jam

For school students in grades 6-8: scheduled for Wed., August 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the McConnell Youth Center: free with ice-breakers, group games, dancing, food.

# 4- Elementary School Ice Cream Social

Ice cream and fun is the way for children in K-5th grade to enjoy their own 'ice' breaker: scheduled for Thursday, August 4, from 6 to 8 p.m.

# 5- Downtown Carlisle to host 'Welcome Jam' for new War College families as part of First Friday event

The Carlisle Community will unofficially welcome the Class of 2017 and their Families during a Restaurant Walk & Welcome Jam from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be food tasting, live music, activities for the whole family and more. Area restaurants will have a priced fixed menu and specials as part of their "First Friday" events, which run during the summer. Families are encouraged to "check in" at the Downtown Carlisle Association tent on the square for a map of downtown and the opportunity win prizes good at local restaurants and businesses.

# 8-12 - British Soccer Camp

The annual camp is designed for kids of all ages from 3 to 16. Each day includes individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages and daily tournaments. For more information visit carlislemwr.com

### 9-10 - Thope Fitness Center closed for County Fair

The Jim Thorpe Fitness Center will close at 8 a.m. Aug. 9 and will repoen on Aug. 11. The 2016 County Fair will be held in Thorpe Hall Aug. 10.

### 11- Local School Orientation

Held in the Army War College's Bliss Hall, a local school district orientation for parents will be held from 2 to 4

p.m. Representatives from local school districts will be on hand to provide an introduction to their schools and answer questions from parents during breakout sessions.

# 10- County fair is your key to community services, opportunities

County Fair, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., is a great one-day opportunity for newcomers to check out the activities located on Carlisle Barracks, and the businesses and organizations in the Carlisle area. More than 150 organizations participate in this event from area restaurants, churches, specialty stores, news outlets and non-profit organizations, to post activities and services providing information on fitness classes, youth sports, trips and equipment rental, medical services, child care and more. You can find out more by visiting their booths at the LVCC, Jim Thorpe Gym and Lovell Ave.

### 12- Class of 2016 Convocation

The 10-month graduate-level program for the Class of '17 will officially begin with a convocation ceremony in Bliss Hall starting at 8 a.m.

### 12- Class of 2017 Opening Ceremony

Join your fellow students, staff and faculty of the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks for a memorable set of presentations: a drill team demonstration by the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Regiment, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps traditional performance, and a concert by the U.S. Army Band - Pershing's Own, followed by a retreat ceremony Aug. 12 at 4 p.m.

# 12- Welcome Picnic and Boatyard Wars

Immediately following the Opening Ceremony, the Welcome Picnic and Boatyard Wars is a family-friendly event for Army War College students and their families to get to know each other and engage in friendly competition. A rain-or-shine event held at the pavilion behind the Letort View Community Center, features a BBQ buffet, a "kids corner" featuring a bounce house, coloring contest and more. For more information visit www.carlislemwr.com

### 14- Ice Cream Social at the Post Chapel

Join the combined chapel community at the Chapel Pavilion at 4 p.m. for an ice cream social. Meet new people, make friends and learn more about your new community.

# 17- Emergency Services Open House

The annual event includes police and fire fighting equipment displays, and child ID cards. McGruff the Crime

Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog will also drop by at the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# 19- "Jim Thorpe All American" featured at outdoor film night

Bring your lawn chairs and coolers for a free outdoor movie featuring on of the most decorated athletes in American history and former Carlisle Indian Industrial School student Jim Thorpe on Indian Field. "Gates" open at 7 p.m., with the movie starting around 8:15 p.m. (or dusk). All attendees will receive free candy and popcorn and other snacks will be available. The movie serves as the kick-off to the Strategic Art Film Program, which runs throughout the academic year.

# 22- First day of school, Carlisle School District

### 24- Carlisle Barracks Spouses' Club Super Sign Up

Held at the LVCC from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. learn more about the opportunities available with the Spouses Club. For more information http://www.cbspousesclub.org/

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