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Middle School youth take advantage of the games in the Sgt. Andrew McConnell Youth Center on Carlisle Barracks during their "Welcome Jam" Aug. 3.

Kids of all ages were able to make new friends before school starts and learn more about their new community during a series of welcome events earlier this month. "Welcome Jams," were held for kids over a three-night period, with one held for elementary, middle and high school students at the pool pavilion and the McConnell Youth Center, the home of the post's award-winning youth program.

At each of the events, games, music and a more helped the kids relax and make new friends. High school age youth took part in a post-wide scavenger hunt that helped introduce them to the many programs and opportunities they can take advantage of during their year here.

Kristy Cormier, a school liaison officer here, explains the rules of the scavenger hunt during the welcome event for high school students.

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