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Post youth and their families take part in the Carlisle Barracks Elementary School Age Ice Cream Social at the Sgt. Andrew McConnell Youth Center last week. The event is just one of many for new students and their families to learn more about their new community.

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 <http://public.carlisle.army.mil/sites/communitycalendar/default.aspx>

July 31 - ACS 50th Birthday Celebration July 31, 4 - 7 p.m. Pool Pavilion

Army Community Services will celebrate their 50th birthday at the Pool Pavilion. Come join them for free food, ice cream, games for kids, free neck/shoulder massages, and giveaways including tickets to Hershey Park and the LVCC and Tiki Bar. The pool will be open for free as well.

Aug. 3-7- 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. 3- 7 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.

This year's theme is Hometown Nazareth, where Jesus was a kid. Children step back in time at Hometown Nazareth, exploring what it was like to live in the town where Jesus grew up. Kids participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-times snacks, visit Jesus' mom, Mary, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them

of God's Word.

For more information call 245-3318.

6- 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.

7- 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 2016 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.

A kids alley will be held as part of the event featuring games, music and more.

The first 50 Families to check in at the Downtown Carlisle Association are eligible to receive a \$10 gift card good at any local restaurant.

10-14- 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 carlislewmr.com

12- County fair is your key to community services, opportunities

County Fair, Aug. 12 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.

14- Class of 2016 Convocation

The 10-month graduate-level program for the Class of '16 will officially begin with a convocation ceremony in Bliss Hall starting at 8 a.m.

14- Class of 2016 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. The official Class of 2016 Opening Ceremony reflects Army heritage even as it looks forward, underscoring the significance, privilege and responsibility placed by the Army in the students selected for study at the Army War College, the Army's center for strategic thought.

14- Welcome Picnic and Boatyard Wars

USAWC CLASS OF 2016
WELCOME PICNIC & BOATYARD WARS
RAIN - OR - SHINE FAMILY EVENT
AUGUST 14 | 5:30 - 9:30 P.M.

- EARLY BIRD (AUG 3 - 13) ADULTS: \$12 | KIDS: \$6 | 3 & UNDER: FREE
- DAY-OF (AUG 14) ADULTS: \$15 | KIDS: \$8 | 3 & UNDER: FREE

*PURCHASE AT LVCC, JOINT DELI (ROOT HALL), CYSS
BOWLING CENTER, MWR (ADMIN OFFICE) OR AT EVENT*

- EVENTS HELD AT PAVILION BEHIND LVCC
- BOATYARD WARS TEAM SIGN UP FORMS (717) 245-3906

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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. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 5-12, 4 and under are free. For more information visit www.carlislefmwr.com

19- 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 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

21- Kids Day at McConnell Center

MWR will host Kids Day on Aug. 21, 2:30-5:30 p.m. for children of all ages to get to know each other and to know about post activities designed just for them at the Sgt. Andrew McConnell Youth Center.

21- “Jim Thorpe All American” featured at outdoor film knight

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.

24- First day of school, Carlisle School District

26- 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.cb spousesclub.org/>