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Laser tag, shopping at King of Prussia, dodge ball tournaments and paintball were just a few of the requests Youth Services received from the new crop of middle school students that recently arrived on Carlisle Barracks

Carlisle Barracks Youth Services hosted its annual Middle School Welcome Jam from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 1. 92 middle school students packed in under the Splash Zone

Pool pavilion to make new friends, engage in activities and enjoy a pizza dinner.

The new students will be attending either Wilson or Lambertson Middle Schools in Carlisle, and the event gave them a chance to make new friends before the start of the school year.

“This is a new place and this kind of stuff helps,” said **Sidney Smith**, who will start the seventh grade at Lambertson Middle School. “I am going to know the kids I meet here in school.”

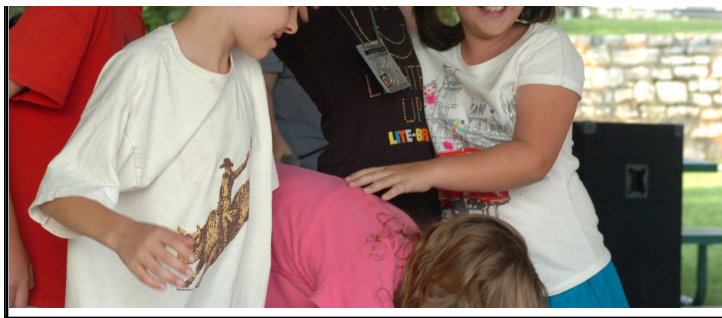
The 6-8th grade students participated in ice-breaking-activities such as people bingo, flip the towel, mummy wrap, frozen t-shirt unraveling, a hula hoop relay and dancing.

“The t-shirt contest was really fun,” said **Madeline Detwiler**, a 7grade student at Wilson Middle School. “It is helps that I am able to meet new people before school starts.”

Right: Lambertson Middle School 7th graders participate in the towel flip contest at the Middle School Welcome Jam on Aug. 1.



Youth Services used this opportunity to highlight some of the afterschool programs it offers including: photography, drama, cooking and scrap booking. There are also annual trips and events offered like the Halloween Party, 76'ers games, Gettysburg trips and snow tubing and skiing in the winter.



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