

# Children now welcome at Mardi Gras event

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## ***Children now welcome to attend inaugural Mardi Gras event***

(February 18, 2010)--Mardi Gras fun can now be enjoyed by everyone! With the addition of children's tickets to Friday's Mardi Gras at Carlisle Barracks, the event is now one the whole family can enjoy.

Children ages 12 and under, accompanied by a parent, can attend the dinner event at the Letort View Community Center from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and tickets are half-price at \$7.50 per child. Babysitting options are also available at the CDC and the CYS for the night. Tickets for children over the age of 12, accompanied by a parent, are \$15.

The first-ever Mardi Gras celebration at Carlisle Barracks will be held Friday, February 19, kicking off with a parade at 4 p.m. and a dinner buffet at the Letort View Community Center afterwards.

"We want to continue providing excellent and exciting events for the community which promote camaraderie," explained Dana Bovender, LVCC manager. "The essence of this event is to provide team building, competition, and recreation for all entities associated with USAG Carlisle Barracks including seminars, military personnel, directorates, and civilians."

Known as Carnival in other parts of the world, this year's celebration of "Fat Tuesday" has been tailored for the Carlisle Barracks community to include a parade full of decorated floats, a New Orleans buffet at the LVCC, costume contests and Cajun entertainment.

The events are open to all Army War College students, staff and faculty and garrison departments and employees.

One of the highlights is an opportunity to participate in the parade by transforming a commissary shopping cart into a Mardi Gras parade float. Carts can be obtained from the commissary for a fee of \$10, which includes the use of the cart, and beads and candy to throw to crowds on the sidelines.

The dinner event at the LVCC runs from 5 p.m. until 10p.m. in the ballroom. "A Taste of New Orleans" will include a menu of red beans and rice, sausage jambalaya, Cajun crab dip and beignets in addition to many more

famous southern foods. The cost is \$15 per person. Tickets for children ages 12 and under are half-price at \$7.50 per child.

For more information about the event and child care options, please contact DFMWR at 245-4352.

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