

Youth Services celebrates receiving accreditation

Kids are the winners as YS celebrates School Age Services accreditation

Feb. 5, 2010 - The Youth Services today celebrated its "banner achievement" for the School-Age Services Program. Garrison commander Lt. Col. Jan Holliday presented a banner to the staff responsible for the banner highest score possible by the National After School Association.

"The accreditation is important in that it gives our School-Age Program validity as being a certified after-school program on a national level of very stringent criteria," said Bob Salviano, Youth Services director.



"Our standards are considerably higher than just having a basic after-school program where kids are just "baby sat." Our Child and Youth Program assistants are all credentialed in an After-School Certification program that lends itself to further validity of an acceptable nationally accredited program," he said.

Youth Services School Age Program earned the highest score ever given by the National After-School Association endorser, noted Salviano. "We have an outstanding staff at Carlisle Barracks, but I never expected such a high score and overwhelming comments. We are very proud of those high marks."

"This is the second time we have been accredited on the first go around," said Bob Salviano about the four-year recurring requirement. "Getting accredited by NAA is not an automatic thing for before-and-after school programs. Their guidelines are very stringent." The centers are also accredited separately by the Department of the Army.

According to the kids, the YS program here is great because their voices are heard and their ideas become part of the plan -- like the new Cafe planned around youth recommendations.

Youth Services' School Age Services is offered to military, civilian DoD employees, military retirees, National Guard and Reserve, and all veterans' children, grades Kindergarten to 5th. SAS provides before and after school programs, summer care and care during school vacations for children in grades K - 5. Our programs offer a wide range of physical

activities, arts & crafts, homework assistance, computer lab, character building, Boys and Girls Club, 4-H Chapter, fields trips and more. Call (717) 245-4555.

SAS Summer Camp is one of the many programs available through Youth Services at Carlisle Barracks. Summer Camp runs from June through the end of August. The camp is set up by the week, so you do not have to sign your child up for the entire summer. You can choose the weeks you wish to participate. We also offer several programs for flexibility --

- 5 Full Days- Enjoy our camp Mon-Fri all day. All activities, field trips and meals are included.
- 5 Half Days- Enjoy 5 days of all camp activities up until 1:00 P.M. Field trips, morning snack and lunch are included.
- 3 Full Days- The children will participate in all activities for the 3 days chosen. Thursdays (field trips) are not included in this package. All meals are included.
- 3 Half Days- Your child will enjoy all morning activities until 1 pm for the 3 days chosen. Field trips, swimming and bowling are not included. Morning snack and lunch are included.

Registration starts April 1. Call (717) 245-3801 for summer camp program fees and enrollment procedures.

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