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Six-year-old Adriana Hutson practices dribbling at the three-day mini basketball camp, hosted by Youth Services. This is Hutson's second year playing basketball, and she seems to enjoy it. "My favorite part is stealing the ball!" she said. Photo by Spc. Jennifer Rick.

Dec. 11, 2008 – Carlisle Barracks youth recently got a chance to be coached and practice their basketball skills during a mini basketball camp held Dec. 8-10.

The three-day camp was coached by Don Watkins and Bobbi Stodter of Youth Services. The camp was used as an assessment period, as well as teaching the younger kids the basics of the game, explained Stodter.

"I do assessments to see the skill levels of the players, so I can put together the teams for the regular season," said Watkins.

Youth Services' regular basketball season starts Jan. 5 with regular practices and games, which will be ran by volunteer coaches. The teams, broken down by age groups, will play against each other on post.

Kids that would like to be a part of the basketball team can sign up at Youth Services. The cost is \$40 per child for the whole season.

The 45 children that attended the camp was also separated into groups – 1st and 2nd grades, 3rd through 5th grades, middle school and senior girls, and middle school and senior boys.

The kids seemed to enjoy their time on the court.

"I just love playing!" said seven-year-old Alison Barlow.

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