

Jim Thorpe Sports Days fast approaching



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April 3, 2009 – Spring is here, temperatures are starting to rise, and that means it's time for Jim Thorpe Sports Days to be held here April 23-25, 2009.

Named in honor of Jim Thorpe, the great American athlete, Jim Thorpe Sports Days is an annual event which began in 1974 and demonstrates teamwork, discipline and physical fitness in a collegial environment.

The opening ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on April 24 on Carlisle Barracks' Indian Field. The historic Indian Field is located at the corner of Ashburn Drive and Forbes Avenue.

The colorful ceremony kicks off the sports competition between student athletes of the Army War College, Air War College, Naval War College, National War College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces. The athletes of the various senior service colleges will march onto the field, the official 'Olympic' style torch will be lit and the Carlisle Barracks cannon will be fired. Immediately following the ceremony the competition begins with the always exciting men's and women's relay runs on the Indian Field track.

"This competition and the planned social events give us an opportunity to share sportsmanship and comradeship" said Maj. Gen. Robert Williams, USAWC Commandant. "General of the Army Douglas MacArthur said that 'upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that upon other days, on other fields, will bear the fruits of victory.' Let us sow the seeds during Jim Thorpe Sports Day 2009 with good sportsmanship that will later serve our Nation on other fields of strife."

The student athletes compete in soccer, golf, volleyball, basketball, softball, bowling, tennis, racquetball and in several running events. These events begin at 5 p.m. on April 23 and continue through April 25. The events are held on Carlisle Barracks and other off-post locations.

The complete event schedule can be found [here](#)

The Opening Ceremony and sports events are open to the public.

T-Shirts, sweatshirts for sale

Also for sale are Jim Thorpe Sports Days 2008 shirts and sweatshirts. More information on how to order can be found [here](#).

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