

Outdoor Rec offers variety of equipment, adventure

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The Carlisle Barracks Outdoor Recreation office offers camping equipment like this camper, trips and game equipment. Anyone with a valid Department of Defense I.D. card has the ability to use Outdoor Rec, including active duty military, National Guardsmen, Reservists, DoD Civilians, contractors and family members. File photo.

May 13, 2009 – While the operational tempo remains high, the Army is taking measures to bridge the gap between life in theater and life back home.

A big player in this is the utilization of installation Outdoor Recreation facilities. Carlisle Barracks expanded its Outdoor Recreation facility by bringing in Lindsay Carver, program manager, to broaden its horizons and take the program to new levels.

"A lot of Soldiers come back from deployments very different from when they left," Carver said. "After living for so long constantly being on the move and being in high-adrenaline situations, they need to do something to get that feeling back...the adrenaline, the thrill. That's where we come in. We can take them to a lot of high-energy activities."

It's not all for the thrill-seekers though.

"Outdoor Rec now offers trips to various places every weekend," Carver said. "We do a lot of different activities to appeal to all demographics, from day trips to Baltimore to sky-diving."

"With us, you can do things outside the norm, things you don't see every day," she said. "When you go through us, everything is taken care of. All you have to do is make a reservation, show up and have a good time. We take care of the rest."

Anyone with a valid Department of Defense I.D. card has the ability to use Outdoor Rec, including active duty military, National Guardsmen, Reservists, DoD Civilians, contractors and family members. People outside the military community can participate if they are sponsored by an I.D. card holder.

"We are trying to provide activities that will appeal to everyone," she said.

Upcoming Trips

Pocono Whitewater Rafting: May 23 at the Lehigh River Gorge.

Indoor Rock Climbing: May 27

Rocky Knob Hike: May 30, 4.3 mile hike with an easy to moderate difficulty level.

A skydiving trip is scheduled for the weekend of August.

Rental Equipment

Outdoor Recreation offers a wide variety of rental equipment to its patrons for a wide variety of needs. The equipment can be rented by the day, or at a weekend rate.

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Camping Equipment

-Several sizes of tents

-Sleeping bags and mats

-Air mattresses

-Folding cots

-Lanterns

-Stoves

-Tables and chairs

Canopies

Canopies come in many sizes, from 10 by 10 feet to 30 by 40 feet.

Campers

-Small and large pop up campers

-25, 27 and 30 foot travel trailers

-Outdoor recreation has three trailers that can be rented at Dogwood Acres, a campground 13 miles from Carlisle. The campground offers a pool, arcade, playground, walking trails and more.

Game Equipment

-Bounce houses, 13 by 13 feet and 13 by 15 feet

-Dunk tank

-Outdoor yard games

Miscellaneous Equipment

-Tables and chairs

-Water coolers

-Gas and charcoal grills

-Canoes and kayaks

-Fishing boats

-Gas generator

For more information about trips and equipment rental, and to sign up, contact Outdoor Recreation at 245-4616/4206.

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