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Fort Meade cancels events

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE—Recent wet weather moved Fort Meade officials to cancel two events planned to mark the reopening of renovated youth sports fields here.

The Annual Fort Meade Family Fun Fair was planned to coincide with the official grand opening events for the Child, Youth and School Services sports fields on April 6. Both events have been cancelled.

“The fields are so damp we are fearful of the damage large crowds could do to them,” said, Lida-M. H. Payne, Chief of Fort Meade’s Child, Youth and School Services. “Our current budget situation would make it difficult for us to repair any damage to the fields. We felt it important to protect them so that they are ready for play this spring for all of the baseball and soccer events already scheduled.”

The \$2.6 million dollar renovation project to the sports fields was largely funded through Army Community of Excellence award winnings Fort Meade earned in 2009 and 2010. The renovation, which includes seven baseball fields, six soccer fields, a football field, a practice field and refreshment stand, began in November, 2009 and will be ready for the first games sometime this spring.

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