

Press Release

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Young Athletes Test Their Mettle at Hershey's Track & Field Meet

Sponsored by the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation Since 2000

Hundreds of young athletes ages 6-14 will line up to compete during the annual Hershey's Track and Field Games on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. - H.I.S.D.'s Barnett Sports Complex, 6800 Fairway, Houston, TX 77087. Competitions include a variety of track and field games that will test their abilities, including the 50-meter dash; 100-meter dash; 200, 400, 800, and 1600-meter run, 4 x 100-meter relay, standing broad jump, and softball throw.

"We are thankful to the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation for their continued support of this program, especially in these tight economic times," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Because of that support and sponsorship we are able to provide this friendly, fun competition for young people which could help them develop exercise habits they can enjoy for a lifetime."

The Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation has sponsored the games since 2000. The National Hershey's Track and Field Program began in 1975, and through the years has been instrumental in promoting physical activity in the lives of countless children.

H.I.S.D.'s Barnett Sports Complex is located at 6800 Fairway, Houston, TX 77087, the H.I.S.D. stadium near the intersection of the South Loop and Telephone Road in southeast Houston. Competition will take place all morning and a nutritious lunch will be served to the children.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 38,992 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.