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Local Children Go Toe to Toe For Hershey's Track and Field Finals

On Tuesday, July 7, 2009, young athletes from around the Houston area will face off and go for the gold at the Hershey's Track and Field Youth Program Citywide Recreational Championship. This Houston Parks and Recreation Department program, sponsored by the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation, has already seen intense competition at the June 9 Local Qualifier and the June 27 State Track and Field Meet held in Austin. The winners of the June 27th State Meet are eligible to join hundreds of their fellow athletes from across the continent at the North American Final in Hershey, Pennsylvania, in August.

"It is wonderful to see all these fine young athletes stretch their muscles and their abilities," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Getting outside and competing and making new friends is what summer is all about. This is a phenomenal program, and we are grateful to the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation for its support."

The Hershey Track and Field Program began in 1975 as a way to promote physical fitness and competition to school age children through the simple acts of running, jumping, and throwing. Physical fitness is important to growing bodies, and track and field events are key elements in a physical fitness regimen which lead to a lifelong commitment to being physically fit.

The Hershey's Track and Field Youth Citywide Recreational Championship will take place at 9:00 a.m. at the Barnett Sports Complex, located at 6800 Fairway, Houston, TX 77087.

For more information on the Hershey Track and Field Youth Program and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (713) 865-4537, or go to www.houstonparks.org.

