



MEDIA ALERT

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Young Athletes Run, Jump, & Throw at the Hershey's Track & Field Games

Games Sponsored by the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation

Hundreds of young athletes from around Houston will come together for the first round of the 13th Annual Hershey's Track & Field Games on Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Youth ages 6-14 will compete with their friends for bragging rights, and again on Tuesday, July 9, for the Citywide Recreational Championship.

Athletes will compete for medals in the 50-meter dash; 100-meter dash; 200, 400, 800, & 1600-meter run, 4 x 100-meter relay, standing broad jump, & softball throw.

WHO: Children ages 6-14 registered for the Hershey's Track and Field Games
Houston Parks and Recreation Department staff
Volunteer referees and race officials

WHAT: Hershey's Track & Field Games

WHEN: Tuesday, June 11, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Barnett Sports Complex
6800 Fairway
Houston, TX 77087

The National Hershey's Track and Field Program began in 1975, and the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation has sponsored the games since 2000. The national program is the largest youth sports program of its kind in North America, with hundreds of thousands of children competing in traditional track and field events at meets held by participating organizations on the local & state level. The games promote physical exercise as a regular part of childhood, with the hope that the participants will develop long term exercise habits for a more healthy life.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,832 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.