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Hershey's Track & Field Games Get Kids on The Right Track! Annual Competition Sponsored by the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation

The 12th Annual Hershey's Track & Field Games will bring hundreds of area athletes, ages 6-14, together to compete for fun and glory during the 2012 Hershey's Track and Field Games. The State Qualifier is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 & the Citywide Recreational Championship is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10th. The competitions will run from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on both days at H.I.S.D.'s Barnett Sports Complex, 6800 Fairway, Houston, TX 77087. Registration is available before the event begins on the day of the competitions.

"For the past 12 years, Houston's children have benefited from the generosity of the Jacob & Terese Hershey Foundation," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks & Recreation Department. "Their support has given young athletes the opportunity to compete & have fun with their friends while they develop exercise habits that will benefit their health & wellness for their entire lives."

The national HERSHEY'S Track & Field Games are the largest youth sports program of its kind in North America, with hundreds of thousands of children competing every year. Track & field meets are held across the country by participating organizations on the local & state level.

H.P.A.R.D.'s Hershey's Track & Field meet held on June 12th is a State Qualifying event for youth ages 9-14. Competitions will include: the 50-meter dash; 100-meter dash; 200, 400, 800, & 1600-meter run, 4 x 100-meter relay, standing broad jump, & softball throw. First, Second & Third place winners in the 9 – 14 age range will have the opportunity to advance to the State Finals in Round Rock, Texas, scheduled for June 23, 2012. While this is a qualifying meet for the 9-14 age group, special field events will be conducted for interested youth in the 6-8 age group. The Citywide Recreational Championships to be held on July 10 will also include competitions in the 50-meter dash; 100-meter dash; 200, 400, 800, & 1600-meter run, 4 x 100-meter relay, standing broad jump, & softball throw. This meet is not a qualifying meet.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 38,752 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.