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Let’s Play Carnival
*Over 4,000 Children are Expected to Attend*

Children registered in the Summer Enrichment Program at Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) community centers will celebrate July as Park and Recreation Month at H.P.A.R.D.’s annual Let’s Play Carnival, Friday, July 15, 2016. With over 4,000 children expected to take part, department staff is planning games and activities that will keep the children active and entertained.

**WHO:**
Over 4,000 Summer Enrichment Program children
H.P.A.R.D. Recreation and Wellness Staff
Agencies participating in demonstration events

**WHAT:**
H.P.A.R.D. Let’s Play Carnival
Celebrates July as Park and Recreation Month

**WHEN:**
Friday, July 15, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**
Sunnyside Park
3502 Bellfort
Houston, TX 77051

The annual Let’s Play Carnival event emphasizes fun, nature and fitness. Activities will include sports, games, nature activities, fitness obstacle courses, tugs-of-war, a target challenge and soccer challenge, and a mural art project. The carnival is open only to children currently enrolled in the Summer Enrichment Program. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department’s Summer Enrichment Program is a ten-week long day camp-style program that takes place at community centers across the city. Registered youth participate in a wide variety of activities, including sports and athletics, arts and crafts, field trips, special events, and water fun.

*About the Houston Parks and Recreation Department*

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 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](http://www.houstonparks.org).

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