

## MEDIA ALERT

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## Young Athletes Meet to Compete at the Hershey's Track & Field Games

Young athletes from across Houston will come together by the hundreds for track and field events at the Barnett Sports Complex for the Hershey's Track & Field Games Citywide Recreational Championship on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Youth ages 9-13 will run, jump, and throw in competition with their friends. Events include 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 9-13 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, July 11, 2017

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 is the largest youth sports program of its kind in North America. 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 healthier life. It began in 1975, and the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation has been a generous sponsor of the games since 2000.

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 <a href="www.houstonparks.org">www.houstonparks.org</a>.