



Mission: To provide a quality recreation and school program where children have fun and are introduced to physical fitness through basic track and field events such as running, jumping and throwing.

What is this program?

Hershey's Track & Field Games was founded in 1978 with the goal of bringing health and fitness into the lives of children. Our program coordinates track & field meets for children ages 9-14. Everyone has the option to participate in a maximum of three events. Running events offered are the 50 meter, 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, 800 meter, 1600 meter, and the 4 x 100 relay. Field events offered are the standing long jump and the softball throw.

Who can participate?

- * The only restriction for competition is age.
- * Participants must be between 9 and 14 years old as of December 31st of the current year.
- * A participant must compete in his/her age group and gender division.
- * All local meet winners must have their ages verified.
- * A participant must participate in the state/province in which he/she resides.
- * A participant can only participate in one local meet.
- * A participant can enter a maximum of 3 events at the local meet.

Where and When is the Des Moines meet?

Hoover High School
Saturday, May 30th @ 9:00am

How do participants qualify to go to the State Meet in Marshalltown, Iowa?

First place finishers for each event from each age group and gender at the local meet qualify for the state meet.

How do participants qualify to go to Hershey, Pennsylvania for the North American Final?

In order to be eligible for the North American Final, a child must win an event at a district/state/provincial level and be selected to the regional team. The regional team is selected by the regional coordinator. Each state is guaranteed a minimum of 5 participants to qualify for the regional team.

How do I register to participate?

- * There is no fee to participate in the Hershey Track Meet
- * Take the registration forms home that you receive today and have one of your parents sign the waiver and return the form to the address on the form or your PE teacher by the deadline.
- * You can also visit the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation website to download a registration form www.dmparks.org
- * Call **237-1386** or **237-1404** and they can mail a registration form to you
- * Email rrleaper@dmgov.org for a registration form
- * Pick up a registration form from Brooks Community Center, 4-mile Community Center, and Des Moines City Hall.
- * We will not be accepting registrations the day of the meet.

How do I become a volunteer?

The Hershey's Track & Field Games are a success thanks to the many dedicated volunteers. If you love working with children and want to encourage physical fitness, please consider volunteering at our upcoming event. The time commitment is minimal – and the impact is great. Please contact Robin Leaper at rrleaper@dmgov.org or 237-1404 or Callie Leau Courtright at parksvolunteer@dmgov.org

For more information about Hershey's Track & Field Games please visit their website www.hersheytrackandfield.com