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**Hershey Track and Field Columbia Local Meet**

Boys and girls will have the chance to get an early start in track and field through the Annual Hershey Track and Field Youth Program.

Columbia Parks and Recreation is planning the program to introduce youth to different track events. The Hershey meet will be held April 18 at the Rock Bridge High School track. There is no cost to participate, but youth must pre-register. Youth must be born in the years of 1995 through 2000 and must provide proof of age such as a birth certificate.

Participants will be asked to check in that day at 9 a.m. and the meet will start at 10 a.m. Events will include dashes of 50, 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1600 meters; 4x100 meter relay; standing long jump and softball throw. Local winners will be eligible for the state meet in Jefferson City and then some regional winners will earn the opportunity to advance to the finals in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Registration forms are available online at [www.GoColumbiaMO.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMO.com), at the Parks and Recreation office at #1 S. 7th St, the Armory Sports Center at 701 East Ash and the ARC at 1701 West Ash. Completed forms can be faxed to the Armory at 874-7538.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

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