

600 youngsters in Alaska to compete in Arco Games

It's time again for the annual Arco Jesse Owens Games, where Alaskan youngsters compete in track and field events for a chance to participate in the national championships in Los Angeles.

The Alaska games are sponsored by Arco Alaska Inc., in memory of the late Jesse Owens, an American Olympic athlete who devoted his life to helping young people reach their potential.

The 12th annual South Alaska Regional meet will be July 11 in Anchorage at Mulcahy Park. Check-in time for participants begins at 9:30

a.m., and the track meet begins at 10 a.m.

About 600 youths between the ages of 7 and 14 are expected to turn out for this year's event. Registration forms are due by July 7 at the Municipal Parks and Recreation office at 2525 Gambell, Suite 404 in Anchorage by 5 p.m.

Winners of the preliminary meet in Barrow will compete with Fairbanks participants at the Fairbanks regional meet, also to be held July 11. The Fairbanks festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Big Dipper track.