

State school carnival concludes today

One of the biggest recreation events of the year for the mentally retarded resident at Willowbrook State School, a two-day winter carnival, concludes today in the school's gymnasium.

The winter carnival is the first one ever held and will probably become an annual event rivaling in popularity the school's summer carnival and barbecue, according to Mrs.

May Thompson, who coordinates recreation activities under the school's recreation director, William Galloway.

About 2,000 residents, including 150 wheelchair patients are to attend, Mrs. Thompson said.

The gymnasium was made to resemble carnival grounds by constructing six booths using existing ceiling-to-floor beams as booth dividers. In addition, all the gym walls were decorated

with a score of colors of crepe paper. The work was done by 58 recreation employes of the school.

There are booths for a ring toss, a bean-bag throw, egg hunt, spinning wheel game, basketball throw and checkerboard square. The game prizes, which ranged from toys to food and cigarettes, were provided by the school.

There is also a refreshment center, with juice, cookies and ice cream provided by the

Benevolent Society of Willowbrook State School. Continuous music is also being provided.