



Residents of Willowbrook Developmental Center participate in field and track events during a leisure day carnival planned by the center for residents, staff and parents. In addition to the competitions, residents and guests enjoyed a barbecue.

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Willowbrook residents in run-for-fun

Although rain forced delays and rescheduling of an outdoor festival at Willowbrook Development Center yesterday, the fun began once the sun came out.

The festivities started with a "picnic" lunch in the auditorium, while 500 Willowbrook residents and staff waited for the rain to stop.

Sunny skies brought the group outside for an afternoon of athletic events, games and dancing under brightly colored flags and streamers.

Among the activities were 50-yard dash and relay races. Cheers and applause from staff accompanied the runners as they completed around a track marked off by string and crepe paper.

Prizes selected by the many winners included hoola hoops, balls, tee-shirts and frisbees.

After the field events, residents and staff danced to the hard beat of the group "Cash Money." According to Julius Armstrong, senior recreation therapist, the New Jersey rock band de-

fied their name and gave their music to the residents of Willowbrook for less than half their standard price.

"It's not one-tenth of what we planned," Armstrong lamented. "We set it up to be like Coney Island with the same game booths and prizes," he continued. "Last year it was really nice."

Field day events were designed to encourage residents to participate in recreational activities which stress individual initiative as well as team cooperation.