

18-hole disc golf course ready to go at CEI



Lee Stimpson, of the College of Eastern Idaho, throws a disc at one of the holes on the recently finished 18-hole disc golf course on the campus of College of Eastern Idaho. Stimpson says he often plays during lunchtime and after work. [Jerry Painter / jpainter@postregister.com](mailto:jpainter@postregister.com)

The east side of Idaho Falls now has its own 18-hole disc golf course thanks to some dedicated folks at the College of Eastern Idaho and a local disc golf group.

The free course is now open to the public and covers most of the College of Eastern Idaho campus from 17th Street to the north end of campus near the Meppen Canal. It makes use of existing trees and buildings to provide challenging obstacles for players. According to campus officials, the course has already attracted youth groups, families, students, campus employees and others from as far away as Rexburg.

The idea for the course was promoted by a former student more than a year ago and ground began to be broken on campus in June. Helpful input on the course was given by the South Fork Disc Golf Club.

Justin Esplin, senior admissions counselor at the school, said the course went through several revisions before organizers decided on its current configuration.

“There were some compromises in some areas that had to be made to make things safe and playable,” Esplin said. “There were a couple of holes in the earlier drafts we went out and looked at that were never going to happen. Some things had to change because there was a water line or a gas line.”

While most of the course structures are in place, the college plans on selling permanent sponsorships on signs for each hole at \$2,500 each to cover construction costs of the course. Excess funds may be used for student scholarships.

“I already have six sponsorships sold,” said Natalie Hebard, executive director of the CEI Foundation.

Todd Wightman, CEI’s director of college communications and marketing, said the school will hold a ribbon cutting for the course Sept. 27.

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