

Scramble to benefit Miracle League

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Graduate students from the School of Kinesiology and Recreation advanced sport event management course are hosting the first ever Golf Scramble at the Crestwicke Country Club, 15671 E 910 North Rd. in Bloomington, on Friday, April 22 to benefit Miracle League of Central Illinois.

The KNR Golf Scramble 2011 is a class project comprised of graduate students earning their master's degree in either recreation management or sports management.

"A neat thing that we are doing with this class is that the students are learning how to run an event, but all of the proceeds for the event go towards a charity," Nels Popp, assistant professor of kinesiology and recreation, said.

All of the proceeds from the event will go to the charity Miracle League of Central Illinois, which is a little league baseball team for children with disabilities.

Early in the semester, the graduate students and Popp started planning the event and after talking about different charities, they all liked the Miracle League.

"What is neat about this charity is, because it is little league baseball for children with disabilities, it has kind of the recreation and sports management theme to it, so they thought it was fitting that we partner with a group that is more sport and recreation affiliated," he said.

Popp said that they are expecting a high turn out on the golf course on Friday. As of press time they had about 124 people registered for the event thus far which is almost at capacity. Popp and the students are very pleased with the turnout.

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He added that since this was the first time they have done this event they did not know what type of turnout to expect but over the last three weeks they have been flooded with people wanting to register, people sending in donations as well as sponsors helping the event out.

“It has been really exciting having these people come aboard and I think students are really excited,” Popp said.

He commends his students on all their hard work and effort they put into the event. “I think that this group is really excited about putting on this big event and now all I hope is that the weather cooperates with us.”

Registration is filling up quickly so those wanting to attend the event should register online as soon as possible.

Besides the main golf event, there will also be a dinner and an auction as well. Tickets to attend both the Golf Scramble and the dinner cost \$75 per person and tickets for just the dinner portion of the event costs \$30 per person to attend.

Students may register online or find out more information about the Golf Scramble by going to isuknrgolf.weebly.com/index.html.