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Disk Golf Course to open May 22 at Wilbur Young Park

Blue Springs, Mo. – Blue Springs' first disk golf course will officially open May 22 at Wilbur Young Park, 1100 SE Adams Dairy Parkway.

Based on traditional golf, disc golf is a fast-growing sport where players throw a flying disc into a metal basket with catch chains. The player that completes the course making the fewest number of throws of the disc wins. The discs are specially designed for various shots of the game – from drivers to mid-range discs to putters.

The Young Park Disc Golf Course is an 18-hole median length, technically difficult course. The course is geared for both the family and more skilled players. Located in the woods of the north end of Wilbur Young Park, the course is challenging as players must maneuver their shots around trees and over water.

This course is free to the public and open daily from sun up to 10 p.m. Blue Springs Parks and Recreation Department will host instructional clinics, lessons and tournaments annually. Score cards can be downloaded from the City's website at www.bluespringsgov.com/scorecard.

Blue Springs received a \$49,500 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the National Park Service and \$6,500 from the Blue Springs Rotary Club for construction of the course; in addition the City Council approved \$18,263 from City funds. Dr. Brouse of the Blue Springs School District assisted in writing the grant application and the Kansas City Flying Disk Club assisted in the course and signage design. The Building Trades class of Blue Springs High School helped construct the tee pads and the Boy Scouts of America Troop # 58 and

Blue Elk District helped in the construction of a bridge and mulching the paths. Parks Maintenance staff provided labor for general construction. Special thanks goes to Blue Springs resident John Theiss, who volunteered countless hours in the planning and layout of the course and City of Blue Springs employee, Randy Cooper for coordinating volunteer efforts with the Boy Scouts of America.

The disc fling and unveiling of the entry sign will officially open the Wilbur Young Park Disk Golf Course at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, at Wilbur Young Park. Souvenir disks will be given to attendees of the dedication.

The first tournament, "The Eastern Front" will be held Sunday, May 23. The tournament is a double-round and each participant will get a special collector disc. Check in is at 8:30 am with event beginning at 9:45. To register for the tournament or for information, visit www.kcfdc.org or call (816) 471-3472 (Disc Golf World).

For more information on this new facility, contact Roscoe Righter, Director of Parks and Recreation at (816) 228-0137 or email to rrighter@bluespringsgov.com.

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