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## **Camp Civitan introduces accessible miniature golf** *Golf pro helps campers get a handle on the fundamentals of the game*

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WILLIAMS, Ariz. - Camp Civitan was proud to announce the grand opening of their brand new accessible miniature golf course at the start of the 2011 summer camping session. Plans for the project have been under way since 2008, making the completion of the long-awaited course exceptionally gratifying to camp officials.

With this new facility, over the summer, campers participated in miniature golf at least twice a week, in addition to the many regular camp programs already offered at Camp Civitan. Campers also had the unique opportunity to receive training tips and techniques from a local PGA Golf Professional, Brandon Evans. Evans, who is a native of Williams, obtained a degree in agribusiness: professional golf management from [Arizona State University](#).

For six years during and after the completion of his ASU and PGA education, Evans served as an Assistant PGA Golf Professional at Elephant Rocks Golf Course in Williams. In addition, Evans played professionally for one year while at Elephant Rocks, and two years prior on various mini tours throughout the west coast as well as many PGA Southwest Sanctioned Events.

With Evans' help, campers learned how to grip a club correctly, line up their shot, and the proper mechanics behind their swing. This experience led to many memorable moments, both for Evans and the campers.

"On multiple occasions at their miniature golf course, a camper has made a hole in one with their very first shot ever. The smiles that accompany these

moments are priceless," Evans stated. "With this population the sense of self gratification is immense."

In addition to weekly instruction and play, field trips to the local golf course were offered during the final two camp sessions. This trip allowed campers to experience golf on a larger scale, and put their newly acquired skills to the test.

Evans, who hopes to remain a part of the program as long as he remains in the Williams area, is particularly looking forward to the next phase of Civitan's plans for the facility. Civitan has plans to



Submitted photo  
Brandon Evans assists Civitan camper Mark Konkel with teeing off.

install a full swing area, once they have obtained adequate funds and support.

"I am looking forward to the completion of this phase so that the campers can begin discovering more of the game of golf," Evans said.

Civitan is blessed with a supportive community, and this program was a testament to that fact. The Camp Civitan Miniature Golf Course was made possible through several generous donors, including Thunderbirds Charities, National Alliance of Accessible Golf, City of Peoria, Padre Murphy's, Old Pueblo Civitan Club, Metro Civitan Club and Phoenix Breakfast Civitan Club.

Since 1968, Civitan Foundation, Inc. has been dedicated to providing our community an accessible, safe and affordable environment while delivering superior life experiences to enhance the quality of life to individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages. It is Civitan's goal to provide accessible recreation and educational experiences to people of all abilities. Civitan's flagship program, Camp Civitan in Williams, provides this targeted population a chance to play and learn together, enjoying the great outdoors, while providing much needed respite for caregivers and families.

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