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Pikes plan Leukemia fundraiser

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Did you know that golf has the possibility of curing cancer?

Well that is what the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Delta State University hopes to accomplish as they host an inaugural philanthropic affair called "Longballs for Leukemia" this weekend at the Cleveland Country Club.

"We wanted to start something new and we figured this would bring out a big crowd," B.J. McKay, vice president of the fraternity, said. "This will be the first time we are holding this event and we have gotten a lot of good feedback so far."

The event will be held Saturday and registration will begin at 8 a.m. with play starting at 10 a.m.

"Basically, it will be a driving contest," McKay said. "Players will hit their balls towards a grid and the longer and straighter it goes, the more points that players' get."

Players will be divided into groups of four or five and then given three minutes to hit their golf balls.

People who score high advance to the next round and so on until their are only two participants left.

"We have made it to where it is going to be fun regardless of your skill level," Deniger Cobb, president of the fraternity, said. "Our main goal is to raise money for leukemia research and so we encourage all to come out and play, whether or not you are good."

The entrance fee is \$20 and all proceeds will go to the Ryan Gibson Foundation, which is a nonprofit

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organization aimed at finding a cure for leukemia.

The winner of the tournament will receive a free T-shirt and a gift certificate to the country club. There will also be many other door prizes given away, including dinners for two at local restaurants.

“Anyone who comes out is going to have a good time,” Destry Harmon, a Pike from Cleveland, said. “I know golf is big in this area and everyone likes a little fun competition so we should have a great turnout.”

Refreshments will be served and T-shirts will be sold on the premises. T-shirts cost \$15.

Also, the fraternity raffling off a brand new driver. Tickets are \$5 and the winner will be announced at the conclusion of Saturday’s event.

“We urge all golf enthusiasts to come out and have a fun day while supporting this worthy cause,” McKay said.

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