## Lake Linden disc golf course opens

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LAKE LINDEN - For two years, students at Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools have been busy planning for and designing a disc golf course, and now it's nearly complete.

Chris Rebman, a teacher with the district, said the nine-hole course located next to Lake Linden Recreation Park is almost finished, as students are putting the final touches on it.

"It's behind the campground," Rebman said. "It's free and open to the public."

The fifth- and sixth-grade students helped implement the course and members from the community came out to help set it up, he said.

"We had a big celebration and a clinic by the bike shop," he said.

The construction of the disc golf course was a Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative project. Located on the restored Superfund site adjacent to Torch Lake, the interpretive course will have nine holes with signs posted at each tee describing historical, ecological and Great Lakes stewardship topics, according to a press release.

Students were still working on the course Friday, and the project has taught them all aspects of the time and energy that goes into such an undertaking.



"Students have attended village council meetings and learned how to participate in local government," Rebman said in a press release.
"Over the past two years, students have had the opportunity to learn about the Trap Rock River Watershed as well as the greater Lake Superior Watershed and issues related to them such as land use, impact of invasive species and historical significance."

Those hoping to use the course but do not have discs of their own can borrow them from the Lake Linden Village Park Campground hosts or they may be purchased locally at The Bike Shop in

Houghton. Rebman believes the course will provide a fun service to the community.

"Kids especially love learning to play disc golf," he said in a press release. "They enjoy the exercise and are really excited to introduce their families and friends to the sport."

Volunteers interested in helping with construction or maintenance of the course, or in sponsoring a "basket/hole," are asked to contact Rebman or Brad Codere at 296-6221, or e-mail Rebman at crebman@lakelinden.k12.mi.us. For more information on the LSSI, visit lakesuperiorstewardship.org.