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**KidsNGolf Arkansas Comes to El Dorado**  
*Year-round golf and character emphasis for kids*

EL DORADO, AR (January 14, 2013)...KidsNGolf Arkansas will hold their first youth golf clinic of 2013 on Saturday, January 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Lions Club Golf Course in El Dorado, Ark. KidsNGolf is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to introduce life changing principles, disciplines and instill personal confidence in the lives of young people through the teaching and playing of the game of golf.

The event is open to all kids ages 8-18. There are divisions for first time players, beginners, advanced or seasoned players. Practice clubs and balls will be provided for anyone without their own equipment. This Saturday, January 19 event is free to all participants. All events are held on the driving range. Check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

The KidsNGolf year will consist of four (4) ten-week "golf semesters" each followed by three weeks off to make time for tournaments, field trips and community service projects. Separate teaching groups will allow for instruction tailored to the experience and ability levels of all participants. More experienced players will benefit from the available KidsNGolf training, and will also be encouraged to pursue the advanced instruction of area golf professionals when they are ready to see their games improve to more competitive levels.

"We have had youth golf weekends around here before," said Lions Club Golf Course head pro Jim Davis, "but it has been difficult to get the kind of follow-up I'd like to see. Now KidsNGolf will provide a year-round golf opportunity for the kids of our community." Utilizing men and women and the facilities of Union County, KidsNGolf will offer golf programs and activities for kids ages 8 to 18. Additionally, a significant component of the program is the teaching of life skills and positive character themes.

"I am thrilled to see KidsNGolf come to El Dorado," says El Dorado High School golf coach Chris Ezell. "KidsNGolf will be a fun and exciting program for youth golfers of all experience levels to enjoy and learn more about golf. This program should have an immediate impact for all the area golf teams."

KidsNGolf Executive Director Art Noyes, has long had a passion for kids as well as golf. A youth pastor in Southern California and Texas for many years, he most recently worked at the Hank Haney International Junior Golf Academy in Hilton Head, SC where he worked with young golfers from over 50 countries around the world. Quick to point out he is not a PGA golf instructor, Noyes says KidsNGolf is not just a golf program. "We will introduce golf to many kids who have never played before. As fun and challenging as the game can be, it is also a training ground for life and the decisions kids face every day," says Noyes. "Parents will see real changes in their kids as they learn the game; greater confidence, decision making skills, self-control and personal responsibility."

Area individuals or companies interested in learning more about participating with or supporting KidsNGolf can visit [www.kidsngolf.org](http://www.kidsngolf.org) or call 870.299.0192.

About KidsNGolf: Kids learn best by example. At KidsNGolf, we use the game of golf as a vehicle to teach kids important values, life skills and disciplines inherent in golf and vital to success in life. Our year-round program includes golf skills, ethics and etiquette to challenge and equip kids to be better golfers, students and community members. KidsNGolf is an Arkansas nonprofit organization. [www.kidsngolf.org](http://www.kidsngolf.org)

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