

# Smith Lake Disc Golf Course Adopt a Hole Form



## Flathead Valley Disc Golf

Whitefish Disc Federation is working with the State of Montana to upgrade, manage, and responsibly maintain a public disc golf course near Smith Lake.

### Donor Information (please print or type)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1 | Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Fax | Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Pledge Information

I (we) pledge a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to adopt\_\_\_\_hole(s). (each hole is \$525.00)

I (we) plan to make this contribution in the form of:  cash  check

\* note – if using a credit or debit card please visit our website at <http://www.whitefishdf.com/>

### Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Signature(s)

Date

Please make all 501c3 donation checks, corporate matches, or other non-profit gifts payable to:

Flathead Valley Disc Golf

Flathead Valley Disc Golf  
189 Dawn Dr  
Columbia Falls, MT, 59912

- Additional information about the Smith Lake Disc Golf Course and your donation can be found on the back of this form.

## **About the Whitefish Disc Federation LLC**

The Whitefish Disc Federation LLC (WDF hereafter) is an organization with the simple goal of upgrading, maintaining, and managing a community disc golf course at Smith Lake. A disc golf course, or “folf” course, comprises holes and targets much like a ball golf course. A player tees off from a t-pad and hits a target with a frisbee to finish the hole. The WDF only raises enough money to build and manage the Smith Lake Disc Golf course. We hope others can have the great experiences and friendships we’ve experienced through disc golf and look forward to doing this project for our community.

## **History of the Smith Lake Folf Course and the Need for Management**

The original Smith Lake course was put in as a bit of an experiment in 2002 and there was no formal agreement with the State of Montana. The course is located on State Trust Lands which is land set aside to raise money for our school systems. Our annual fee goes towards the public schools. Because of disc golfs explosive growth over the last 20 years there has been a large increase in the number of players at Smith Lake. The increase in player numbers (100+ a day on busy days) mixed with no management has led to issues with litter, environmental impacts, and fires. Here are some quick stats and information on disc golfs popularity:

- It’s easy to learn and enjoy but takes years of dedication to master.
- It’s affordable for everyone and there are now 7200 registered courses worldwide.
- It gets people outside.
- It does not require water, grass, fertilizers etc. Disc golf follows natural terrain for fairways.
- 500,000 people play regularly in the USA and 8 to 12 million people have played disc golf at least once. Over 100,000 members have joined the Professional Disc Golf Association.

## **The Adopt a Hole Program**

When you adopt a hole for \$525 your money goes to the following: one DGA Mach III target (retail \$375 + shipping), one thick rubber disc golf t-pad (4’ x 10’), treated wood for t-box construction, wood and paint for a t-sign, additional signage, and a kiosk with course map and rules. Many holes will require moving deadfall, chainsaw work, t-box construction, and weed whacking costs. We also have \$2000 in annual fees going to the State Trust.

For your donation of \$525 to Adopt a Hole you or your organization will have your name on a medallion located on the t-sign and at our kiosk located at the start of the course. Only the original hole sponsors will be featured on our kiosk. You or your organization will be listed on our website with links as well. Most importantly you’ll be giving the Whitefish community another great recreation opportunity for our youth. Besides building a world class course we set the following goals:

- Educate the playing public about the environmental impacts of disc golf and help minimize impacts
- Provide better safety with more spacing between holes, signage, and proper t-boxes.
- Improve the aesthetics of the course. What is there now is a bit of an “eyesore.” The new Smith Lake Disc Golf Course will be the first dedicated disc golf course in Flathead Valley. The new course will be well marked, clean, and beautiful. We aim to have a kiosk and signs like those at the Whitefish Trail.

**Your donation will be made to Flathead Valley Disc Golf, a 501c3 non-profit.** We work closely with the Flathead Valley Disc Golf group which has taken on a broader range of projects throughout the Flathead Valley.