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The fourth annual Tiger Town Throwdown is set for Saturday and Sunday at the Grand Central Station Disc Golf Course in Central.

# Central disc golf course set to host college qualifier

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CENTRAL — The Grand Central Station Disc Golf Course in Central will serve as the host for the fourth annual Tiger Town Throwdown Saturday and Sunday, featuring at least nine teams.

"We are excited about the collegiate qualifier being held at our disc golf course," Central parks and recreation director and assistant town administrator Tom Cloer said. "Numerous volunteers from Clemson University helped prep the course for the tournament. This is a chance to show off our nationally acclaimed course that has been built with funds from the town of Central, Pickens County recreation funds and Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) funds."

Along with Clemson, the tournament will include teams from Ferris State University, N.C. State University, East Carolina University, the University of South Carolina, Georgia Southern University, Augusta University, the University of Alabama and Liberty University.

"It should be a great tournament," Cloer said.

The tournament will mark the last collegiate qualifier for the 2018-18 season, meaning one final chance for teams not already qualified to earn a berth in the National Collegiate Disc Golf Championships in April. The Central event will award two spots to the NCDGC.

Early check-in will take place at 3 p.m. today, followed by optional random draw doubles on the course's locomotive layout. The first round will take place

with team doubles at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and, following lunch, the second round of singles competition will begin at 2 p.m. On Sunday, the final day of the tourney, round three team doubles on the locomotive layout will begin at 9:30 a.m. and, following awards at 2 p.m., an optional round four will be offered on the nine-hole safari layout.

"We have been working to add the additional nine holes to the newly purchased 7 acres that is adjacent to the current property," Cloer said. "That will move us from 28 acres to 35 acres for the disc golf course."

Cloer said the locomotive layout is new to the course, which has been ranked among the best in the state, including six new holes.

The town of Central owns and operates the 18-hole course, which sits on a variety of terrain that includes fields, hills, bottomlands, creeks and pine forests. The property was purchased by the town in 2010, and work on designing and building the course began a year later by the town's parks and recreation department and community volunteers.

By the spring of 2012, the course had been designed, holes graded and many of the components installed. The course layout was completed later that year.

The Grand Central Station Disc Golf Course, which ranks as the third-longest free play course in South Carolina — at more than 6,600 feet long — was designed around the town's railroad theme and history.