

?Assessing our parks on access

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?The W. K. Kellogg Access to Recreation grant caught the attention of some Spalding University students pursuing a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. As a graduate project, four students offered to visit parks in Harrison County and provide suggestions for changes to improve access for people of all abilities.

At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, the students will provide the results of their surveys and assessments in an hour-long presentation at the Harrison County Community Foundation conference room. The presentation will include photographs of potential improvement areas and ideas from parks around the country that have made changes in their facilities.

Anyone interested in recreational accessibility is invited to attend.

“Harrison County is demonstrating a commitment to improving access to the abundant recreational venues right here at home,” said Steve Gilliland, Foundation executive director. “We welcome the recommendations from these students and also hope community leaders and park visitors of all abilities will join us next week to learn and share ideas.”

The Access to Recreation grant is providing over \$500,000 in improvements at four county parks and at O’Bannon Woods. Kellogg also provided \$134,000 toward an endowment which has grown to \$360,000 with the help of donations from the community.

The Fund will provide perpetual maintenance of and improvements to recreational access features throughout Harrison County.

Call the Foundation at 812-738-6668 for additional information on the Spalding presentation or the Access to Recreation grant.