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Celebs, amateurs ready to hit greens with Alice Cooper

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SALT RIVER COMMUNITY - When temperatures return to the 90s it's usually a good indicator of two things:

- School's (nearly) out for summer.
- And rocker Alice Cooper is ready to hit the greens.

Nearly 50 celebrity golfers and as many as 200 amateur golfers will join Cooper next week at the 12th annual Alice Cooper Celebrity AM [Golf](#) Tournament.



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Not only will Alice Cooper swing his clubs, he also will take to the stage for a half-hour performance.

Check-in for the benefit tournament starts at 6:30 a.m. Monday at the Talking Stick Golf Club, 9998 E. Indian Bend Road.

"Every year we have a few tricks up our sleeves to make it different and unique," said Chuck Savale, tournament and executive director for Solid Rock, a Christian non-profit group formed to address the needs of teens.

"It's a great tournament for what we think is a great cause," Savale said.

The event raised about \$90,000 last year and organizers hope to surpass that by attracting such golf-loving celebrities as crooner Pat Boone, former [NFL](#) coach Ray Perkins and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

Not only will Cooper swing his clubs, he also will take to the stage for a half-hour performance. Also scheduled to perform is country-pop group Whiskey Follows.

Spots on the tournament were still available as of Thursday for those willing to pay the \$1,000 entry fee.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit The Rock, a 29,000-square-foot \$7.3 million multiuse teen facility to be built on the [Grand Canyon](#) University campus in Phoenix.

Savale said groundbreaking on the teen center will be expected in the "not too distant future."

The golf tournament will feature food and a live auction, which includes a car from Airpark Chrysler Jeep, trips and an opportunity to perform on stage with Cooper during his Christmas Pudding show at the Dodge Theater in December.

"Besides being absolutely in love with golf . . . he is able to see his dream of teen the center come through," Savale said of Cooper. "He's excited about it and is appreciative of all friends that come out to help."