

DVI Pilots Youth Sports Days

The Division for the Visually Impaired (DVI) ventured into a new summer activity this year and hosted “Sport Days” for youth who are blind or have visual impairments. Sponsored by DVI and Delaware Association of Blind Athletes, the three separate days were staffed by volunteers from DVI, Camp Abilities PA at WCU, Camp Abilities Brockport, NY and Camp Abilities Long Island.



During the events, participants had the opportunity to explore multiple types of sports using adapted equipment and were afforded the assistance of sighted staff providing hands-on instruction. Athletes experienced soccer, Ultimate

Frisbee, disc golf, hiking, track/field, bocce, lacrosse and more. According to DVI Orientation/Mobility Specialist and event coordinator Maria Lepore-Stevens, “One athlete enjoyed golf so much, he wants to find a way to play regularly.”

In addition to sporting activities, volunteered helped the athletes make healthy, delicious lunches and hosted lunch and learn sessions about careers and job preparation. The events were so successful and well-received that DVI will be searching for funding to replicate next summer. DVI would also like to thank the partners and volunteers who made these events possible.

