

Additional Junior Events

Aberdeen Area Junior Golf Foundation

Junior Tour

Played at several area courses throughout the summer, the Tour is a great opportunity for juniors to experience competitive golf without having to travel far. The Tour ends with the City Junior Championship played at MC3 and Lee Park on August 2 & 3. See the Junior Bulletin Board located in the Golf Shop for entry forms and schedule or go to our "Junior Golf" page online at moccasin creekcc.com.

Junior Club Championship

Open to any junior who participates in our programs or is a member, the Junior Club Championship will be played



on August 5. There is no entry fee. Trophies will be awarded to the boy and girl winners in the following age

groups: 16-17, 14-15, 12-13, 10-11, and 9 & under. The number of holes played will be determined by the junior's age. The low 18-hole boy & girl will be declared the overall Junior Club Champions and will have their names enshrined on the Junior Championships plaque located in the Clubhouse.

SDGA Junior Golf Tour Event ~ June 28 at MC3 and additional events in Watertown, Arlington, Pierre, Brookings, Huron and throughout the state. Entry deadline for all SDGA Tour events is May 25. Log on to www.sdga.org for more info.

SDGA Parent-Child Championship ~ July 18 at Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton. Log on to www.sdga.org for more information.

SDGA State Junior Championship ~ July 19-20 at Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton. Log on to www.sdga.org for more information or check out the Junior Golf Bulletin Board in the Golf Shop.

The First Tee Adult/Junior Tournament

This popular event will be played on Sunday, June 27 at the Club. Teams will consist of one junior and one adult playing a 9-hole alternate shot format. Entry forms will be available later in the year or go online to www.moccasin creekcc.com and check out the "Junior Golf" page. Great fun for those from 5 to 95!

All juniors are encouraged to become members of the South Dakota Golf Association and establish a handicap! It's easy—just ask us how to get started. Juniors should post all rounds they play during the season, including practice rounds, matches, and tournaments, to their handicap. It is vital to their progress as golfers and teaches them integrity and commitment.

As the summer progresses, there will be other junior golf events such as, but not limited to, those listed here. Entry forms and information can be found on the Junior Bulletin Board located in the Golf Shop or on our "Junior Golf" page on our website.



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Welcome to The First Tee

The Moccasin Creek Junior Golf Program is proud to be a flagship affiliate of The First Tee of South Dakota. The First Tee, a worldwide initiative of the World Golf Foundation, has as its mission *to impact the lives of young people by providing learning environments and educational programs that promote character-development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.*

Sports have been traditional vehicles for teaching life lessons, but today, sport at its highest levels is played in an atmosphere where we have a preponderance of athletes who deny they have responsibility to be role models, let alone idols to the young.



There is, however, a sport that not only continues to teach positive life lessons, but also depends on an adherence to them for its very existence.

That sport, of course, is golf.

It is a game where there are no officials to call a breach of the rules.

It is a game where only the individual participants know if the score he or she hands in is the

Play golf as a family. There is no better way to peak the interest of your child in the game. And it's a great way to spend some family time.

score that was actually shot. It is a game with a rich history and timeless traditions that invites respect for the old and wonderment of the new. Most of all, golf is fun. The game is never solved, perfection is never achieved; there is always the opportunity for improvement and success. It is also a game where the raw beginner can play a competition match with the most seasoned expert. It is a game where youngsters can delight in playing with each other and it is a game suited to the young and old playing together.

Our goal is to provide golf learning facilities and the experiences that will enable kids from every walk of life to partake of a game that teaches values for life and which can be played for a lifetime.

- Amanda Young, Program Director
- Dean Zahn, Ted Zahn, Jon Murdy & Mike Brown, PGA Golf Professionals @ Moccasin Creek CC
- Gary Nelson & Kurt Drube, Lee Park GC

The First Tee Life Skills Experience

Through the Life Skills Experience, participants learn valuable lessons about the importance of maintaining a positive attitude, how to make decisions by thinking about the possible consequences and how to define and set goals from the golf course to everyday life. Participants learn about themselves and others through a range of experiences enhancing their golf skills as well as their fundamental values for life.

All participants receive TFT Yardage Books so their progress can be observed as they advance through The First Tee certification levels of PLAYer, Par, Birdie, Eagle, and Ace. Each stage introduces young people to different aspects of golf and life skills.

Our program starts with the first level of certification, PLAYer. We want everyone who completes this program to have acquired basic golf skills and to be able to demonstrate certain fundamental life skill concepts. We anticipate it will take most juniors at least two seasons to become certified at each level. Juniors are not required to go through certification to participate but we certainly encourage it. More information will be supplied to parents, and juniors will be asked to demonstrate life skills outside of the golf course with parent involvement. You can learn more about The First Tee Life Skills Experience at www.thefirsttee.org or our chapter website at www.thefirstteesouthdakota.org.

No young person shall be turned away from The First Tee programs because of inability to pay! (contact Amanda Young for more on financial assistance) And, all juniors are welcome regardless of who they are or where they are from.

PLAYer Level Lesson Program for Juniors 8 to 17

This program is designed for beginner and intermediate golfers ages 8 to 17. **Indicate on registration form your session preference. 80 students maximum in each session.**

*** Session 1~8:45 to 10:15 * Session 2~10:30 to 12:00 Starts Thursday, May 27 and continues every Thursday until July 15 and also includes Monday, June 14.**

PLAYer level certification days (optional attendance) on June 29 from 10am-12pm & July 17 from 9am-11am.

An additional one hour of on-course play time will be offered after Session 1 and prior to Session 2. Juniors will be supervised during these times by adult volunteers.

The First Tee PLAYer program will also be offered at Lee Park on Wednesdays starting May 26. A junior may choose to do the program there or use that site as a make-up for lessons missed at MC3. Each week both sites will be offering the same lesson plans.

Birdie Level Lesson Program for Jrs 12 to 17

This program is designed for intermediate and advanced golfers ages 12 to 17. Juniors who have been certified in the PLAYer & Par levels and those with advanced skills are invited. This level will focus on advanced golf skills and goal-setting life skills.

10:30 to 11:30 *Fridays* May 28, June 4, 18, 25, July 2, 9



Little Linkster Lesson Program for Jrs. 5 to 7

A fun and safe introduction to golf using The First Tee Target program. All lessons

will be conducted at Moccasin Creek CC.

11:00 to 12:00 *Saturdays* May 29, June 5, 19, 26

Volunteers Needed

We need adults to help out during our lesson programs and with on-course supervision. Experience not required! You don't need to play golf to be an effective role model. If you would like to help or need more information please contact us. Thank you in advance for helping our area youth learn the great game of golf along with wonderful life skills.