

PIERMONT PAL
SUMMER JUNIOR GOLF CLUB PROGRAM



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The Piermont PAL Summer Junior Golf Program is now in its sixteenth season. With the sponsorship of the Piermont Police Athletic League, Inc. this program continues to provide a unique opportunity to the children and families of our community. We hope each participant enjoys the experience and in the process learns some valuable “life” lessons through the sport of golf.

The following is an excerpt from The First Tee’s introduction to golf at www.thefirstteemetny.org

“There is 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 in which 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 handed in is the 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 competitive 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 – if they have a place to learn and play the game at all.”

Attached you will find the following information:

- Guidelines for Parents
- Parent / Counselor’s instructions, responsibilities and Guidelines
- The First Tee “Nine Core Values” and “Code of Conduct”

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Guidelines for Parents

1. Stay in touch with your Counselor to arrange rounds of golf for your child.
2. Read the Counselor's Instructions sheet which explains their responsibilities and the guidelines they are expected to follow. This will help you understand how the program works.
3. Read, along with your child, the "Nine Core Values" and the "Code of Conduct" provided by The First Tee Program. These are values that we would like each PAL Junior Golfer to apply to their game of golf.
4. Contact other junior golfers and counselors on the contact list for additional playtime.
5. Work out an expense arrangement with your child's Counselor. The green fees for Rockland Lake Executive Par 3 Course are approx. \$9.00 per twilight / junior (and seniors over 62).
6. Be sure your child is using appropriate golf equipment and is wearing his / her Piermont PAL golf shirt, as well as other proper golf attire, for each golf match and /or event. Remember to have your child use sun block, insect repellent, wear a hat, and to drink plenty of fluids.
7. Provide transportation to and from the golf course(s), unless you make other arrangements with the Counselor and / or other parents.
8. Encourage your child to have fun!!

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PARENT / COUNSELOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

Counselors are responsible for:

1. Contacting and setting up golf matches with junior golfers. A contact list of ALL registrants will be provided to ALL Counselors and parents. You will have access to other children's contact information, in the event that you would like to extend an invitation for a round of golf to another junior golfer.
2. Accompany the junior golfers on the golf course. Each Counselor and junior golfers must pay a green's fee, wear their Piermont PAL golf shirt and use their own golf bag and clubs. There is no sharing of equipment during the round of golf. The most important requirements for a Counselor are to enforce safety and etiquette. Also, it is expected that you set an example for the junior golfers by teaching and applying the "Nine Core Values" and the "Code of Conduct" from the First Tee Program (attached).
3. Provide up-front payment to the golf course(s) for greens fee(s) and any other expenses you may incur. (You can work this out with the junior golfer's parents).

Counselors must follow these guidelines:

1. Rockland Lake Executive Par 3 Course is suggested for beginner golfers, but intermediate and advanced golfers are welcome to play there. Take the south entrance to Rockland Lake off Route 9W and bear right. Follow the signs to the course. You are welcome to golf at other courses.
2. Rockland Lake Executive Par 3 Course is weekdays, weekends, and holidays – June 27 to September 6. Golfers should go out at least 3 – 5 times during the season. You should call the course Cashier or Starter 845 268-7930 around 9:00 am the day of play. Twilight Tee Times start about 2:00 pm.
3. A foursome of 1 adult and 3 junior golfers for 9 holes after 2pm (\$9.00 for each junior golfer – 17 and under and senior over 62 (weekday only), and \$13.00 for each - \$14.00 on weekends and holidays). Pull carts and electric carts are not included, you will have to provide your own funding.

THE FIRST TEE

The First Tee Golf Programs and Camps - For more information call 718-655-9164 or programs@thefirstteemetny.org at Mosholu Golf Course in the Bronx.

The First Tee, an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, has as its mission to impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character-development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.

Our goal is to provide the golf learning facilities and the experience 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.

Through research it was determined that the primary reason more children, and especially economically disadvantaged children, did not play golf was because of the lack of places that welcomed them, places that could physically get to, and places that they could afford. The World Golf Foundation created The First Tee in November 1997 as a way to bring golf to youngsters that otherwise would not be exposed to the game and its positive values.

The World Golf Foundation also played an important role in garnering the support of golf's major organizations to grow and promote The First Tee. The program is overseen and has the active support of a committee comprised of members representing the Ladies Professional Golf Association, PGA of America, PGA Tour, United States Golf Association and the Augusta National Golf Club. In addition, former President George Bush serves as Honorary Chairman.

The First Tee Nine Core Values adopted by Piermont PAL Junior Golf Club

The First Tee has established Nine Core Values that represent some of the many inherently positive values connected with the game of golf. These Nine Core Values have been incorporated into The First Tee experience and have been used to name golf holes at several of The First Tee facilities.

1. **HONESTY** – the quality or state of being truthful; not deceptive
Golf is unique from other sports in that players regularly call penalties on themselves.
2. **INTEGRITY** – strict adherence to a standard of value or conduct. Personal honesty & independence.
Golf is a game of honesty, etiquette and composure. You are responsible for your actions and personal conduct on the golf course.
3. **SPORTSMANSHIP** – observing the rules of play and winning or losing with grace.
You must know & abide by the rules of golf & be able to conduct yourself in a respectful manner.
4. **RESPECT** – to feel or show deferential regard for; esteem.
In golf, it is important to show respect for yourself, your partners, your opponents and the golf course as well as for the honor and traditions of the game.
5. **CONFIDENCE** – reliance or trust. A feeling of self-assurance.
Confidence plays a key role in the level of play that you achieve. You must have confidence in your abilities every time you play.
6. **RESPONSIBILITY** – accounting for one's actions; dependable.
In golf, you are responsible for yourself & your actions on the golf course. It is up to you to keep score, repair divots, rake bunkers, repair ball marks on the green & keep up with the pace of play.
7. **PERSEVERANCE** – to persist in an idea, purpose or task despite obstacles.
To succeed in golf, you must learn to persevere through bad breaks and your own mistakes.
8. **COURTESY** – considerate behavior toward others. A polite remark or gesture.
A round of golf should begin and end with a handshake between fellow competitors. Show courtesy toward others by remaining still and quiet while they prepare and execute a shot.
9. **JUDGMENT** – the ability to make a decision or form an opinion. A decision reached after consideration.
Using good judgment is critical in golf. It comes into play when deciding on strategy, club selection, when to play safe and when to take a chance, the type of shot you consider executing, as well as understanding and abiding by etiquette.

The First Tee Code of Conduct adopted by Piermont PAL Junior Golf Club

RESPECT FOR MYSELF

- I will try my best and keep a positive attitude when I play or practice.
- I will dress neatly in a clean shirt tucked into pants or shorts, and I will wear golf shoes or athletic shoes.
- I will eat right, get enough sleep, and take care of myself so I can stay healthy.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

- I will be friendly, courteous, and helpful.
- I will follow instructions and safety rules.
- I will have fun without being loud and rowdy.
- I will be honest and be a good sport, whether I win or lose.

RESPECT FOR MY SURROUNDINGS

- I will keep the golf course and practice areas clean and in as good or better shape than I found them.
- I will clean and take care of my golf clubs.
- I will be careful not to damage anything that belongs to others.