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## South Mountain YMCA GOLF Camp PARENT INFORMATION

Welcome to Golf Camp run by the team from TGA Premier Junior Golf of Union, Southern Morris & Essex Counties. We're certain they will provide a great camp experience for your child. I'm sure you have many logistical questions that need answers before your campers' first day.

This guide contains the YMCA's specific information about our Golf Camp and pertinent information from the TGA Parent Information Guide. **Please also see the TGA's section on Health & Safety for COVID-19 related changes to this year's camp.**

\*Be aware that not all information in the TGA Junior Golf Camp Information section of this guide pertains to our camp. The information below in our YMCA Golf Camp Site Specific Parent Information section is to be followed if there is different information than the TGA section.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

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### YMCA Golf Camp Specific Parent Information

**Location:** Mt. Freedom Golf: 1275 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph, NJ 07869  
**Director:** Nick Meltzer: 732-835-8TGA [nmeltzer@playtga.com](mailto:nmeltzer@playtga.com)  
**Dates:** **July 6 – July 10**  
**July 13 – July 17**  
**July 20 – July 24**

#### Drop-Off Time:

**8:20-8:30am:** Please do not bring your child earlier. **Drop off is at the Columbia High School Student Parking Lot** on West Parker Avenue between the YMCA Early Childhood Learning Center at 10 W. Parker St. and the Railroad tracks (just down from Gleason's Cleaners). The TGA bus will be waiting there. Sign in your child with the TGA staff and have them board the bus. **The bus leaves promptly at 8:30am.** If you miss the bus you would need to take your child directly to Mt. Freedom Golf.

#### Pick-Up Time:

**3:30pm:** Please be prompt. The pick-up location is the same as the morning drop off location, **Columbia High School Student Parking Lot.** Sign out your child with the TGA staff. Please be patient the first day as staff and campers are learning new routines which might cause the

bus to be late. Check with the YMC Welcome Center at 973.762.4145 if the bus is more than 10 minutes late.

**Transportation:**

We understand that some parents may prefer to drop-off and pick-up their child themselves. In that case, drop-off time at the facility is no earlier than 9:00am. Pick-up time is 2:30pm. Be sure to sign your child in and out with a camp counselor.

**Inclement Weather:**

Certain areas of the campsite are covered or indoors. Rainy day activities are held there. If rain is forecasted, pack a raincoat to wear when walking in between facilities or to the bus.

**Camper Information and Health History Form:**

A copy of the form that you have already completed is given to the TGA site director to have at the campsite in case of emergencies or if there is special information needed to know about your child. Please keep this information updated with any changes during the summer.

**Medication Authorization:**

If your child is required to take medication at camp, contact the Camp office and they will send you a Permission to Administer Medication form that needs to be completed, signed and turned in to the YMCA office **prior to the start of camp**. A copy of this form will be given to the TGA site director to have at the campsite. All medications must be given to the TGA staff person upon arrival at the bus stop. Do not put the medication in your child's back pack or have your child handle the medication. Retrieve the medication from the TGA bus staff person at the end of the week. If your child is in AM Care, give the medication to the AM Care Coordinator and our staff will give it to the TGA staff bus person. At the end of the week, pick up the medication from the TGA staff bus person or from the PM Camp Coordinator. A copy of this form is available on the Golf Camp web page.

**Sign In-Sign Out Waiver:**

If you wish to have your child walk home alone from camp at the end of the day. Contact the camp office and request a Sign In-Sign Out Waiver form. This form will need to be completed and turned in to the YMCA office prior to the start of the camp.

**Alternate Pick Up form:**

If you wish someone to pick up your child who is not listed on their Camper Registration form, contact the YMCA office for an Alternate Pick Up form. This completed form must be given to the AM or PM Camp Coordinator or the Golf Camp bus counselor prior to the alternate person coming to pick up your child. Contact the camp office and request an Alternate Pick-up form.



## **TGA Junior Golf Camp Information**

### **Program Director:**

The Director ensures the quality of the program at your site. Please speak freely to him regarding any questions or concerns you may have. The Director is Nick Meltzer. His contact information is:

Phone: 732-835-8TGA Email: [nmeltzer@playtqa.com](mailto:nmeltzer@playtqa.com)

### **Program Times:**

TGA Junior Golf (TGA) requests that you drop-off and pick-up all children promptly. Please check the start and finish times of the program by asking the Camp Director or checking online.

### **Child Safety:**

TGA has systems in place to ensure the safety of your child participating in our programs. Once children have been checked in, they are placed into their group for the week. Every TGA coach is responsible for their own group. The Director is responsible for all groups and will ensure that safety is not compromised. Each coach will keep a group attendance form, with a list of the children in his/her group. This form is used to sign in and out children for the rest of the week. Children will always be supervised when taking water, snack and bathroom breaks. Under no circumstances will a child be allowed to leave camp unattended. TGA's number one priority is safety!

### **Health & Safety**

Below is a list of precautions, rules, and guidelines that TGA Premier Junior Golf is implementing for our camps this summer. The situation is fluid and some of these may loosen or tighten depending on the recommendations from the state, CDC and, the golf course. The ability for TGA to be able to run camps for kids all summer long will be dependent on TGA's staff and the kids' ability to adhere to these guidelines:

- 1) Kids will not be allowed in camp if they display any of the following symptoms. Please do not bring them to camp if they do.
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell
- 2) We will be doing temperature checks before children board the bus. Any child or staff member not passing temperature check (100.4 per CDC recommendation) will not be able to attend.
- 3) Maximum camper to coach ratio will be 6 to 1
- 4) All staff will be wearing masks. Kids will be required to have a mask/face covering at camp. They will be able to remove them when doing activities/drills.
- 5) No sharing of any items at all (water bottles, sun screen, food etc...)
- 6) Kids will be asked to bring a towel/picnic blanket for themselves for lunch/snack time. There are no tables/chairs available for campers. We will have a tent set-up where they can get shade. There will be no sharing of towels/picnic blankets except for siblings. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 7) Hand washing/sanitizing at every break. Hand Sanitizer will be provided as well.

- 8) Parents are asked to make sure they have a "social distancing" talk with their child as there will be a Zero Tolerance policy in order to protect staff and other campers. Kids who do not follow the rules will be asked to isolate and parents will be called.
- 9) You'll see lots of cones where kids will be assigned depending on the activity to make sure they maintain social distancing.
- 10) Bring their own balls for putting.
- 11) On course will be 4 to 1 ratio.
- 12) Immediate reporting of any child/family of child or staff that show symptoms or test positive.

### **What to Bring:**

**Clothing:** Please dress your child in appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Remember many programs take place rain or shine! Protection from the sun is extremely important (hat, sunscreen and water). Children should have appropriate footwear for the sport they are participating in (sneakers for golf).

### **Equipment:**

TGA provides the equipment for all camps, clinics and school programs. Left handed golf clubs will be available for lefties. If campers have their own clubs, they are encouraged to bring them. For campers needing to use TGA's clubs, please email the camp director, Nick Meltzer ([nmeltzer@playtga.com](mailto:nmeltzer@playtga.com)), the week before your child's first week of camp with the following information: Child's name, age, height, weight, and their dominant hand.

### **Food & Beverages:**

Please pack a labelled bagged lunch that contains non-spoilable food. Include extra snacks and plenty of water/fluids in a refillable water bottle with your child's name on it. We will provide many water breaks throughout the day and remind campers to refill their bottles at the camp's water cooler. There is a snack stand at the facility which will have snacks for sale as well as ice cream (cash only).

### **Lost and Found:**

Please label with your child's name all items brought to camp. Labelled items can readily be returned to the camper if found. If your child is missing an item, please send a note the next day to camp, or email the director, describing the lost item.

### **FAQ's**

#### **What will my child learn during the week?**

Your child will learn the fundamental skills of the sport throughout the week. Aside from the actual technical sport instruction, each camper will experience an atmosphere that promotes positive values, good sportsmanship and teamwork.

#### **Does my child need experience to attend?**

No. Our camps are open to children of all backgrounds and campers will be placed into age and ability appropriate groups. The curricula for all programs is designed to suit all participation levels to ensure that children from beginner to experienced have the opportunity to experience and learn the sport in a positive, developmentally appropriate and fun learning environment.

#### **Who will my children be playing with?**

Campers will be divided into age appropriate groups, typically 5-10 campers per group, with one coach being responsible for each group. Groups will be co-ed. Any camper who shows to be further advanced fundamentally and technically will be given the option to move to a group which will challenge them sufficiently throughout the week. If participants wish to be grouped with a friend, it can be arranged provided participants are of similar ages.

#### **This is my second time at camp. Will my child learn anything new?**

Yes. Our curriculum is designed to adapt each individual age group allowing children to experience different skills which enable them to progress and become more accomplished at each sport throughout the years in which they participate on the program.

**What about the heat?**

We take all precautions to protect your child from the sun. Children are advised to bring hats and use sunscreen, which your group coach will ensure they apply frequently throughout the day. Water breaks are essential and will be taken frequently on very hot days to avoid dehydration and heat illness. Please be sure to pack a labelled refillable water bottle. The camp will have a water cooler available to refill bottles with cool water. Also, there will be shade provided to allow children to sit under and cool off.

**What will my child gain by going to this camp?**

Your child will learn the fundamental skills of golf throughout the week. Aside from the actual technical sports instruction, each camper will experience an atmosphere that promotes positive values, good sportsmanship and teamwork. All activities incorporated into the week allow children to develop body control, accuracy, coordination and timing. Inspired by the fun and relaxed atmosphere, your child will have the opportunity to thrive on the field. Variety, activity and enjoyment stand as key attributes to developing a healthy lifestyle.

**What is Golf Olympics?**

This is a fun based competition which takes place for the end session of Camp. Campers are broken down into teams in which they will do golf challenges and play games versus other Teams. There will be teamwork games, questions and other challenges which players can complete to win points for their team. The Golf Olympics competition is designed to allow all players to contribute throughout the week.

**Do the kids get to go on the course?**

Yes, all campers will have the opportunity to get on the course every day during the afternoon session. Formats will vary depending on players' ability.