

# 2010 Tee Times



Complete information about the JGA is available online at:  
[www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org)

## 2010 JGA Event Schedule

### 12 & Under

#### Instructional Age Group

##### *Instruction - Grand Prairie:*

June 22, 29, July 6, 13

##### *Play - Red Arrow:*

July 20, 27, Aug 3, 10

##### *Tournament*

August 17 - Red Arrow

### 12 & Under

#### Tournament Age Group

July 1 - Red Arrow

July 9 - Grand Prairie

July 15 - Maple Hills

July 21 - Eastern Hills

July 28 - Hickory Ridge

August 9 - Kalamazoo CC

##### *12 & Under Championship:*

August 13 - Grand Prairie

#### 13-15 Tournament Age Group

June 25 - States

June 30 - Pine View

July 8 - Sauganash

July 12 - Hickory Ridge

July 19 - Crestview

July 21 - Eastern Hills

July 30 - Ridgeview

#### 16-18 Tournament Age Group

June 23 - Thornapple Creek

June 28 - Olde Mill

July 8 - Sauganash

July 14 - Gull Lake View West

July 16 - The Prairies

July 22 - Lake Michigan Hills

July 29 - Eastern Hills

##### *JGA Championship:*

August 4 & 5 -

Milham Park & Angels Crossing

### All Ages

#### *JGA Father-Son/Parent-Child*

Sunday, August 1 - Eastern Hills

(Entry available in July)



**DEAN MARKS, PGA**  
PGA CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

## WHAT IS JGA?

The Junior Golf Association (JGA) was established in 1987 with the purpose of providing quality golf experiences for area juniors at affordable rates. The JGA is divided into 4 age groups: 12 & Under Instructional, 12 & Under Tournament, 13-15 Tournament, and 16-18 Tournament. 18 different area courses host our 32 events. The \$40.00 registration fee if entered by June 5 makes the JGA the best value for junior golf in the area. (The registration fee is \$50.00 for entries received after June 5.) The registration fee is all-inclusive for the 12 & Under age groups. For the 13-15 and 16-18 age groups, the registration fee includes four events and there is a \$5.00 fee for each additional event. Please read and fill out the entry form carefully. The JGA has awarded 41 college scholarships totaling \$55,000 to former participants since 1997 through the endowed Junior Golf Fund within the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

Information about related junior programs such as Junior Golf Leagues, Instructional Clinics, Competition Camps, and the JGA Father-Son/Parent-Child Tournament are also included in this newsletter.

We look forward to another successful season. Remember to thank all of our host courses and professionals who help make the JGA such a success!

### **New for 2010: Online Registration!**

[www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org)

## REGISTER BY JUNE 5

Included in this newsletter are two different entry forms: 1) The **JGA Entry Form** is for the events listed to the left; 2) The **Junior Golf Order Form** is used for Junior Golf Leagues, Instructional clinics, Competition Camps, and other related items. Information about many available programs is found in this newsletter, with updated information found online at [www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org). If you have questions or need help deciding which programs to sign up for, please don't hesitate to call us at 388-4447.

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# AGE GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

When someone refers to “The JGA”, they are referring to the four age groups listed on this page. There are many other programs available for juniors including the Junior Golf Leagues, Junior Golf Instructional Clinics, and Competition Camps. Information about these other programs is found on pages 6-7 and they require a separate entry blank. **How does one decide which program(s) to enter?** The JGA is tournament-oriented, the Junior Golf Leagues are recreational, and the Junior Golf Clinics and Competition Camps are instructional. Finding the best program(s) is dependent on the ability of the junior: Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced. Advanced or tournament players will fit best in the JGA tournaments or the Competition Camps. Intermediate or recreational players will enjoy all programs. Beginners should start with a Junior Golf Clinic or the JGA 12 & Under Instructional program and then decide which program they would fit into best after the instruction. Private lessons are offered for all ages and ability levels. Visit [www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org) for the current list of available programs.



## JGA 12 & Under Instructional Age Group

The 12 & Under Instructional Age Group meets on Tuesday mornings throughout the summer. The first four sessions are at Grand Prairie Golf Course and focus on rules, etiquette, and golf swing basics. These sessions are usually divided by age into three groups, but groups may change based on participation levels and ride-sharing requests. We will send an email one week before the first scheduled event with final group assignments.

Group A: Ages 8 & under - 8:30-9:30

Group B: Ages 9-10 - 9:45-10:45

Group C: Ages 11-12 - 11:00-12:00

Each group is broken down further into 3 stations: putting, chipping, and full-swing. The next four sessions are spent playing on the course at Red Arrow Golf Club with the 8 & under age group playing three holes and the 9-12 year olds playing six holes. Tee times will be assigned for these sessions and can range from 8:30-1:00. The final Tuesday will be treated as a tournament with awards given to the top boy & girl finishers in each age group. Parents are encouraged to participate in all sessions for this age group, especially the Red Arrow sessions, where we would like to have at least one adult walk with each group. Parent volunteers are an important part of the success of this age group.

## JGA 12 & Under Tournament Age Group

Players in the 12 & Under Tournament Age Group are expected to be able to play under the USGA Rules of Golf, keep score on the golf course, and total and sign their scorecard at the end of each round. These events will be treated as formal tournaments, which will give many participants their first competitive experience. The tournament schedule includes six, nine hole events at some of the area's shorter courses followed by the 12 & Under Championship at Grand Prairie. Parents are not allowed to caddy or offer advice during these tournaments, but are welcome to follow and observe players on the course.

## JGA 13-15 Tournament Age Group

The 13-15 Tournament Age Group is designed to prepare participants for high school competition. These 18 hole events will enable the player to feel what it is like to play a full-size course under tournament conditions. Players are expected to know and play by the USGA Rules of Golf. Top players in this age group will be invited to participate in the JGA Championship at the end of the season. Parents are not allowed to caddy or offer advice during these tournaments, but are welcome to follow and observe players on the course.

## JGA 16-18 Tournament Age Group

The 16-18 Tournament Age Group is designed for the high-school aged player to compete in 18 hole tournaments at quality golf courses throughout the summer. The tournaments are governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and all results will be posted online. Many high-school golf coaches use these tournaments as a barometer of the progress of their players throughout the summer. The season-ending 36 hole JGA Championship is just before the fall school season starts, giving the JGA player a head start on the competition. **Field size may be limited in this age group, so sign up early!**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...



**Q Why are there additional event fees? Can I get a refund if I don't play in an event?**

**A** The JGA strives to maintain the best possible value for junior golfers. The expansion of the schedule means rising costs. Signing up early helps us better plan these events. The additional \$10.00 for registering after June 5 and the \$5.00 fee for additional events in the 13-15 and 16-18 age group help us cover costs while keeping the pricing fair, especially for those who only play in a few events. There are no refunds for any reason unless the tournament field size is limited. You are allowed to add or change events during the season if space permits.

**Q My child is over 12 years old but has never played golf before. Can he or she still participate in the JGA?**

**A** Yes. However, some sort of formal instruction is recommended, as tournament play is all that is offered for the older age groups. Formal instruction from local PGA professionals is available at reasonable rates. A schedule for many of the programs offered at area courses is included with this newsletter. Current information is available online at [www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org).

**Q Can I request tee times?**

**A** No. In order to maintain a tournament flavor to the JGA, there will be no tee time requests. We understand that there may be transportation concerns for some parents, but handling 400+ tee time requests is impracticable for our administrative volunteers. Please be aware that it is your responsibility to verify your tee time and let us know if you will be unable to participate. Remember that most tee times are normally between 7:30am and 11:00am and plan your schedule accordingly.

**Q When will tee times be available? How do I get directions to the courses?**

**A** Tee times will be available via our website ([www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org)) approximately one week before each event. No notices will be mailed out. It is each player's responsibility to arrive at his or her tee time 15 minutes early. Directions are available by calling each golf course directly.

**Q Is there a penalty for not showing up for an event I have signed up for?**

**A** Yes. According to the JGA Code of Conduct, failure to show up for an event you scheduled may result in a suspension from the next entered JGA event. Remember that you are paired with 2-3 other players. Not giving us ample notice of a cancellation may affect the pairings and/or tee times of those other players. It is also discourteous to the host courses that have planned for a certain number of players. In order to maintain the integrity and stature of the JGA, we ask that you only sign up for the events you are certain you can attend. Poor attendance may affect the costs and ability of the JGA to find quality courses in the future to host our events. To cancel for an event you have signed up for or to change your scheduled events, please email us at [jga@kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](mailto:jga@kalamazoojuniorgolf.org).

**Q Where can I find tournament results?**

**A** All results will be posted on our website at [www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org).

# JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Each year, graduating seniors compete for one of the \$1,500 JGA scholarships that will be awarded directly to the college or university of their choice. Historically, two scholarships have been given in honor of John Block. Beginning in 2008, two more scholarships have been added - one honoring Jim Roschek and one in memory of Heidi Krum.

Applicants must be a graduating senior planning to pursue a four-year degree as a full-time student who has participated in the JGA program, shown academic achievement (minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA) and has displayed superior character, sportsmanship, and good citizenship both on the golf course and in his or her daily life. An application form is available online and must be submitted by June 1, 2010 to be considered.



Recent winners include:

- 2009 Nathan Werme (John Block)  
Marah Klose (John Block)  
Bethany Matecun (Heidi Krum)  
Justin Borr (Jim Roschek)
- 2008 Kyle Hotte (John Block)  
Blake Mortellaro (John Block)  
Laura Eberhard (Heidi Krum)  
Kyle Schau (Jim Roschek)
- 2007 Kyle Chambers, Jacob Caplan,  
Gretchen Gangwer
- 2006 Todd Capron, Ryan Hayes,  
Lee Keselowski, Nick Morcum,  
Samuel Neff, Brian Ogrin & Ryan Zwier
- 2005 David DiGiovanni & Jay Gilman
- 2004 Patricia Monroe & Timothy Fries

**Graduating seniors can download the 2010 JGA Scholarship application online at [www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org)**

Please visit [www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org) for the complete list of winners!

## DONATE TO JGA!

The Junior Golf Association was established in 1987 with the purpose of providing quality golf experiences for area juniors at affordable rates. Early fundraisers by Jim Roschek and John Block laid the foundation for the JGA Scholarship Fund. In recent years, the JGA has supported all tournaments, instruction, administrative costs and Scholarship donations solely on entry fees. In order to expand programs, offer more Scholarships and keep entry fees low, it's time to ask for your help.

### - Scholarships

The **endowed Junior Golf Fund** was established within the Kalamazoo Community Foundation in 1989. Since then, \$55,000 has been awarded as scholarships to JGA participants. Gifts to this fund are not only tax deductible, but also may qualify for a state credit of up to 50% under the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit. Checks may be made payable to the *Kalamazoo Community Foundation*

with "**Junior Golf Fund**" written on the memo line. If you prefer, you may make a gift online at [www.kalfound.org](http://www.kalfound.org). You may also consider making a gift of stock. For more information about the ease of making a gift to the **endowed Junior Golf Fund**, please contact Carol Carter at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation at (269) 381-4416.

### - Operations

The **Junior Golf Association Operations Fund** helps provide golf equipment, lessons, prizes and quality golf experiences at affordable rates for area juniors. Used clubs, balls or other golf equipment is accepted, and will be either be distributed to area juniors or sold with proceeds being added to the fund. Checks may be made payable to the **Junior Golf Association**. For more information about donating to this fund, contact Dean Marks at Grand Prairie Golf Course at (269) 388-4447 or email [jga@kalamazoogolf.org](mailto:jga@kalamazoogolf.org).

**Use the JGA Entry Form to sign up for one of the  
Age Groups listed on page 2.**

**Use the Junior Golf Order Form to sign up for:**

- ◆ Junior Golf Leagues
- ◆ Junior Golf Clinics
- ◆ Adult Golf Clinics
- ◆ Competition Camps

**listed on pages 6-7 or to pay for:**

- ◆ Punch Cards
- ◆ Memberships
- ◆ Private Lessons

Call Grand Prairie at 388-4447 with any questions.

Visit the JGA website:

**[www.kalamazoojunior.org](http://www.kalamazoojunior.org)**

for the latest information, to download additional entry forms,  
or to register online.

# 2010 JGA ENTRY FORM

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Please type or print clearly:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_  
(As will appear on scoreboards)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email1 \_\_\_\_\_ Email2 \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_ Avg. 9 Hole Score \_\_\_\_\_ at Course \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Please select one age group and check events to participate in below:

### 12 & Under Instructional Age Group

(Registration fee includes all 9 events)

#### **Instruction - Grand Prairie**

June 22  29  July 6  13

#### **Play/Tournament - Red Arrow**

July 20  27  August 3  10  17

### 12 & Under Tournament Age Group

(Registration fee includes all 7 events)

July 1 - Red Arrow

July 9 - Grand Prairie

July 15 - Maple Hills

July 21 - Eastern Hills

July 28 - Hickory Ridge

August 9 - Kalamazoo CC

#### **12 & Under Championship**

August 13 - Grand Prairie

### 13 - 15 Tournament Age Group

(Registration fee includes 4 events, \$5.00 for each additional event.)

June 25 - States

June 30 - Pine View

July 8 - Sauganash

July 12 - Hickory Ridge

July 19 - Crestview

July 21 - Eastern Hills

July 30 - Ridgeview

### 16 - 18 Tournament Age Group

(Registration fee includes 4 events, \$5.00 for each additional event.)

June 23 - Thornapple Creek

June 28 - Olde Mill

July 8 - Sauganash

July 14 - Gull Lake View West

July 16 - The Prairies

July 22 - Lake Michigan Hills

July 29 - Eastern Hills

#### **JGA Championship** (counts as 2 events)

August 4 - Milham Park -and-

August 5 - Angels Crossing

## Payment

Registration fees and completed entry form must be received at: **Grand Prairie Golf Course - 3620 Grand Prairie Road - Kalamazoo, MI 49006** one week prior to an event to be eligible to participate. (cash or checks only, payable to: Junior Golf Association) Remember, there are no refunds for any reason. (Please do not staple checks to entry)

### CALCULATE REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration Fee (by June 5) \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee (after June 5) \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Events \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary contribution to JGA \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 2010 JGA Parent Permission

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the 2010 Junior Golf Association of Southwest Michigan. I realize that the Junior Golf Staff will do everything possible to offer a safe and injury free program. By signing below, I agree not to hold any program sponsors or staff responsible for any injuries that might occur as a result of my child's participation in this program. I have read and understand the JGA Code of Conduct and will abide by all decisions involving a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Junior Golf Order Form

Use this form to purchase multiple items with one payment.  
 Make checks payable to Grand Prairie Golf Course.  
 (JGA Entry form and payment must be made separately)

<b>Junior League Fee</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> JL1 <input type="checkbox"/> JL2 <input type="checkbox"/> JL3 <input type="checkbox"/> JL4	___ x \$15 = ___
<b>Junior Golf Membership</b>	(Grand Prairie)	___ x \$250 = ___
(Unlimited Golf for 2010)	(Milham Park, Eastern Hills & Red Arrow)	___ x \$600 = ___
<b>Junior Golf Punch Cards</b>	(Grand Prairie)	___ x \$65 = ___
(buy 10 rounds - get 1 FREE)	(Eastern Hills, Junior League players only)	___ x \$90 = ___
<b>Pull Cart Punch Cards</b>	(buy 10 rentals - get 1 FREE)	(Grand Prairie) ___ x \$15 = ___
<b>Golf Clinics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> J1 <input type="checkbox"/> J2a <input type="checkbox"/> J2b <input type="checkbox"/> J2c	(Junior) ___ x \$50 = ___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GGR1 <input type="checkbox"/> GGR3	(Adult) ___ x \$99 = ___
	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Session 2	(Competition Camp) ___ x \$250 = ___
<b>Private Golf Lessons</b>	(1/2 hr.)	___ x \$35 = ___
(With PGA Professional, to be scheduled)	(1 Hour)	___ x \$60 = ___
<b>Voluntary Contribution</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund \$_____	<input type="checkbox"/> JGA \$_____ = _____

Please return to **Grand Prairie Golf Course, 3620 Grand Prairie Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49006**.  
 Call Grand Prairie at 388-4447 if you have questions or need help filling out this form. Items such as punch cards or memberships will be available for pick up at appropriate golf course.

**Participant information:** Please type or print clearly:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email1 \_\_\_\_\_ Email2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment information:**

Enclosed Cash Check Credit Card (fill out below) **TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Card Security Code# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# JGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR WINNERS

The JGA Player of the Year is awarded to the individual who has shown outstanding abilities based on the following criteria: participation in events, scoring average, order of finish in each event, competitive spirit, and sportsmanship. Each winner has his or her name engraved on the JGA Player of the Year Trophy on display at Milham Park Golf Club.

Please visit [www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org) for the complete list of winners!



Recent winners include:

2009	Sheldon Keyte
2008	Sheldon Keyte
2007	Laura Eberhard
2006	Sheldon Keyte
2005	Lee Keselowski
2004	Nick Carbary
2003	Patricia Monroe
2002	Nick Muszunski

## PLEASE THANK OUR HOST COURSES

The JGA is very thankful for our host courses and professionals, whose support helps make the JGA such a success! Please drop them a note or say “thanks” when you are at their facility.

### **Grand Prairie Golf Course**

Dean Marks, PGA  
3620 Grand Prairie Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49006  
(269) 388-4447  
[www.grandprairiegc.com](http://www.grandprairiegc.com)

### **Milham Park Golf Club**

Steve Tyler, PGA  
4200 Lovers Lane  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001  
(269) 344-7639  
[www.kalamazoogolf.org](http://www.kalamazoogolf.org)

### **Eastern Hills Golf Club**

Paul Simonds, PGA  
6075 East G Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49006  
(269) 385-8175  
[www.kalamazoogolf.org](http://www.kalamazoogolf.org)

### **Red Arrow Golf Course**

1041 King Highway  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001  
(269) 345-8329  
[www.kalamazoogolf.org](http://www.kalamazoogolf.org)

### **Olde Mill Golf Club**

Joe Prior, PGA  
6101 West XY Avenue  
Schoolcraft, MI 49087  
(269) 679-5625  
[www.oldemillgolfclub.com](http://www.oldemillgolfclub.com)

### **Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club**

Wayne Yamaguchi, PGA  
2520 Kerlikowske Road  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(800) 247-3437  
[www.lakemichiganhills.com](http://www.lakemichiganhills.com)

### **Gull Lake View Golf Club (West)**

Wes Wandell, PGA  
7417 North 38th Street  
Augusta, MI 49012  
(269) 731-4148  
[www.gulllakeview.com](http://www.gulllakeview.com)

### **Kalamazoo Country Club**

Dick Stewart, PGA  
1609 Whites Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008  
(269) 344-0752  
[www.kalamazoocountryclub.com](http://www.kalamazoocountryclub.com)

### **States Golf Course**

Walt Jasiak, PGA  
20 East W Avenue  
Vicksburg, MI 49097  
(269) 649-1931

### **Ridgeview Golf Course**

Bruce Williams, PGA  
10360 West Main  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
(269) 375-8821  
[www.ridgeviewgolf.com](http://www.ridgeviewgolf.com)

### **Crestview Golf Course**

Larry Hamelink, PGA  
900 West D Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(269) 349-1111  
[www.crestviewgolfcourse.com](http://www.crestviewgolfcourse.com)

### **Hickory Ridge Golf Course**

Woodie Capron, PGA  
65 North 30th Street  
Galesburg, MI 49053  
(269) 382-6212  
[www.golfhickoryridge.com](http://www.golfhickoryridge.com)

### **Pine View Golf Club**

Steven Scott  
52065 Pulver Road  
Three Rivers, MI 49093  
(269) 279-5131  
[www.pineviewgolf.com](http://www.pineviewgolf.com)

### **The Prairies Golf Club**

Joe Farrell  
5303 West Main Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
(269) 343-3906  
[www.prairiesgolf.com](http://www.prairiesgolf.com)

### **Maple Hills Golf Club**

Tim VandenBerg, PGA  
16344 C Avenue East  
Augusta, MI 49012  
(269) 731-4430

### **Sauganash Golf Club**

Bob Bales, PGA  
61270 Lutz Road  
Three Rivers, MI 49093  
(269) 278-7825  
[www.sauganashgc.com](http://www.sauganashgc.com)

### **Thornapple Creek Golf Club**

Nancy Nagle, PGA  
Tyler Eddy, PGA  
6415 West F Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
(269) 344-0040  
[www.thornapplecreek.com](http://www.thornapplecreek.com)

### **Angels Crossing Golf Club**

Jeff Rohrstaff, PGA  
3600 East W Avenue  
Vicksburg, MI 49097  
(269) 649-2700  
[www.golfangelscrossing.com](http://www.golfangelscrossing.com)

# INSTRUCTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

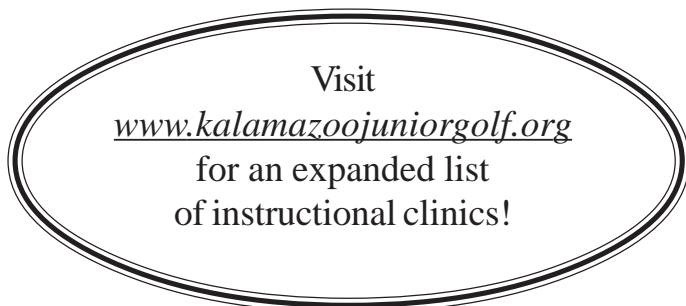


## Junior Instructional Clinics

Grand Prairie Golf Course (388-4447) will host a series of instructional clinics for juniors. These clinics are a fun way for juniors to learn the basics of golf. Topics include short game, swing mechanics and trouble shots as well as rules, etiquette, course management and how to keep score. Class size will be limited, so sign up early! Cost for each session is \$50.00. Use the Junior Golf Order Form in this newsletter to sign up.

**Session J1: Fridays, May 28, June 4, 11**  
5:00pm - 6:30pm, ages 17 & under

**Session J2: Wed, Thu, Fri, June 16, 17, 18**  
a) 12:00pm - 1:30pm, ages 8 & under  
b) 2:00pm - 3:30pm, ages 9 - 11  
c) 4:00pm - 5:30pm, ages 12 - 17



## Competition Camps

Eastern Hills and PGA Professional Paul Simonds will once again host Competition Camps. Originally started by Bill Yates, these camps are designed for the junior golfer age 12 - 17 who wants to take his or her game to the next level for competitive golf. Campers will have a chance to fine-tune their chipping, putting, bunker play, driving and iron play. Session dates are as follows:



**Session 1: Monday - Friday, June 21 - 25**  
8:30pm - 4:00pm

**Session 2: Monday - Friday, June 28 - July 2**  
8:30am - 4:00pm

Cost for each session is \$250.00 and includes instruction, lunch and play each day. Use the Junior Golf Order Form in this newsletter or Call Eastern Hills at 385-8175 to sign up.

## FOR THE PARENTS...

### Get Golf Ready in 5 Days!

Get Golf Ready in 5 Days is an industry-wide adult player development program that has two main goals: 1) To bring new golfers into the game in a fast, fun, and gratifying way; 2) To bring former golfers back into the game. Each session includes four group lessons followed by an on-course playing experience and costs \$99.00.



**Session GGR1: Tue/Thu April 27,29, May 4,6**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm and  
**Sat May 8** 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Session GGR3: Tue/Thu May 11, 13, 18, 20**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm and  
**Sat May 22** 10:00am - 12:00pm

More sessions may be added over the summer. Visit [www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org](http://www.kalamazoojuniorgolf.org) for the latest schedule. Private and group lessons available by appointment. Call Grand Prairie Golf Course at 388-4447 for rates.

# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

## - Junior Golf Leagues

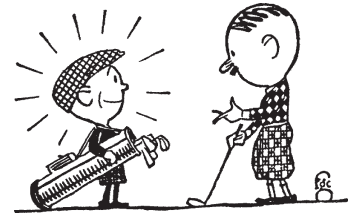
Grand Prairie will host three divisions of junior golf leagues this summer. The leagues will run for 9 weeks beginning June 21 and end the week of August 16. **Division JL1** is for ages 10 & under and plays on Mondays from approximately 10:00 to 11:30. **Division JL2** is for ages 11-17 and plays on Mondays from approximately 11:30-2:00. **Division JL3** is an open league for ages 17 & under and will play on Wednesdays from approximately 11:00-1:00. Cost to join each league is \$15.00. Participants will then pay the daily greens fee rate of \$6.50 each time they play. A pre-paid punch card for 10 rounds with 1 FREE round is available for \$65.00.



Eastern Hills will host a Junior League for ages 17 & under on Thursdays at approximately 11:00. Cost to join the league is \$15.00. Greens fees will be a special rate of \$9.00 for 9 holes and \$15.00 for 18 holes. Call 385-8175 for information. Use the Junior Golf Order Form in this newsletter to sign up for Junior Golf Leagues.

## - JGA Father-Son / Parent-Child Tournament

Eastern Hills GC, Sunday, August 1. This highly popular event is open to all ages and parent/sibling combinations. Information will be available in July on the JGA website and at Eastern Hills, 385-8175.



# JUNIOR GOLF EQUIPMENT

*Why buy junior clubs? Why can't I just cut down an old set of clubs?* These are the usual questions we hear from parents. Cutting down adult clubs is a common practice and is acceptable when price or availability hinder the use of proper equipment, but remember that junior golf clubs are *designed* for the junior golfer. A cut-down club will be too heavy and too stiff for optimal performance, plus, the grip usually won't fit on the shaft properly. Junior clubs are lighter, balanced properly, have more flex in the shaft and have the proper size grips. Using golf equipment that doesn't fit properly as a junior can cause poor swing habits that will haunt a golfer for the rest of his or her life.

Most junior sets can be purchased according to age and/or height, with prices varying based on quality and number of clubs in the set. A common configuration for a junior set is to have 1 wood, 2 irons, a putter and a bag. The wood is usually a lofted one such as a 3 wood or 5 wood. The irons are usually a mid lofted (5, 6, or 7 iron) and a higher lofted (8, 9 iron, or wedge). This type of set is considered to be the minimum necessary to participate in golf.

Stop by Grand Prairie Golf Course and talk to a PGA golf professional Dean Marks to answer any other questions regarding your junior golf equipment purchase.



THE NO. 1 BRAND IN JUNIOR GOLF WORLDWIDE

U.S. Kids Golf is the preferred club of the JGA offering equipment for beginners (Ultralight Series) and advanced players (Tour Series). *“Successful junior programs begin with equipment that is exactly the right length for the player. Kids grow 2 1/2” per year, so it is essential that they are fit for clubs every season. Teaching is made easier and a young player’s performance improves significantly by having clubs that are the correct length.”*

If you know your junior’s height and ability, finding the right clubs is simple. Using numbers that correlate a player’s height (not age) to the proper driver length, the U.S. Kids Golf fitting system is simple and easy to understand. Grand Prairie Golf Course will keep most sets in stock this season and will be able to handle your special orders with ease. **Remember - Grand Prairie Golf Course will donate 10% of proceeds from U.S. Kids Golf clubs purchased by JGA participants to the Junior Golf Association.** Trade-ins accepted!

**Junior Golf Association**  
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## JGA DIRECTOR DEAN MARKS

In an awards ceremony at the PGA Merchandise Show this past January in Orlando, Florida, Dean Marks was named a "Top 50 Kids Teacher" by U.S. Kids Golf, an award he also received in 2008. The 2009 list of teachers was compiled from nominations from golf professionals and others in the golf industry. The teachers are judged according to 16 criteria, including percentage of time devoted to kids programs, creativity, communication and efforts to grow the game. Read more about the "Top 50 Kids Teacher" program online at [www.uskidsgolf.com](http://www.uskidsgolf.com).



Dean was also named the 2007 "Junior Golf Leader" by the Michigan Section PGA and is one of only a few Michigan PGA Professionals to achieve Specialty Certification in Instruction. He recently became a Level 1 TPI Certified Golf Fitness Instructor. Dean has been the Head Women's Golf Coach for Kalamazoo College since 2003 and involved with the JGA and Grand Prairie Golf Course since 1999.



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## JGA QUICK FACTS

**Established** - 1987

**Director** - PGA Certified Professional  
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award recipient from Michigan Section PGA  
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**Email address** - [jga@kalamazoogolf.org](mailto:jga@kalamazoogolf.org)

**2009 JGA Participants** - 444

**2009 Jr. League Participants** - 159

**2010 Total JGA Events** - 32

**2010 JGA Entry Fee** - \$40.00 if entered by  
June 5, \$50.00 after June 5

**2010 Jr. League Entry Fee** - \$15.00

**JGA Scholarships awarded to  
date** - 41, totaling \$55,000