

## ***St. Mark Junior Golf Program will Introduce youngsters to the game of golf through the Months of June through August 2010***

Youngsters will be introduced to golf that otherwise would never have the opportunity to learn or play the game through the clinic that will be held at the *South Shore Country club* in Chicago Illinois, beginning June 7, 2010.

The youngsters, ranging in age from 6-17, will tee it up in the Hook a Kid on Golf Introductory Tee Level Clinic. It is one of more than 250 clinics that will take place nationwide this summer, as well as in several countries around the world. The Tee Level and Green Level Clinic is part of Hook A Kid On Golf's ongoing effort to get children involved in the game that typically are denied because of cost, lack of course availability, and other obstacles.

The clinics, which will be held from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm on Monday and Wednesday, will feature instruction on driving, irons, chipping and putting. There will also be special presentations on golf course maintenance; rules and etiquette of the game; alcohol and drug awareness; and a special golf outing will conclude at the end of the Clinic in which the youngsters will tee it up for their first round on a course.

Every child who participates also gets to keep a set of Hook a Kid on Golf clubs and bag. In addition, they receive a variety of other golf materials, including a hat, shirt and golf balls.

Participants who complete the Tee Level Clinic also receive a one-year subscription to *Tee to Green*, a newsletter designed to continue their interest in the sport of golf. *Tee to Green* includes information on golf's history, rules, etiquette, practice tips and professional players.

Since Hook a Kid on Golf's inception more than 35,000 children have participated in these introductory clinics, many at no cost thanks to the support of organizations such as the United States Golf Association.

Hook a Kid on Golf is America's most comprehensive junior golf program. It is a past recipient of the PGA Tour's prestigious Card Walker Award, which is presented each year to the organization or individual that makes an outstanding contribution to junior golf.

Besides its Tee Level Clinics, it also offers Start Smart Golf, a development program that helps parents learn how to teach their kids to play using fun, developmentally appropriate equipment; the Green Level Training Program, which takes beginning golfers on the course in a supervised setting to learn rules, etiquette and course management; and the Challenge Golf Leagues, where youngsters compete against others in a fun and competitive team format and are coached by trained adult volunteers.

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