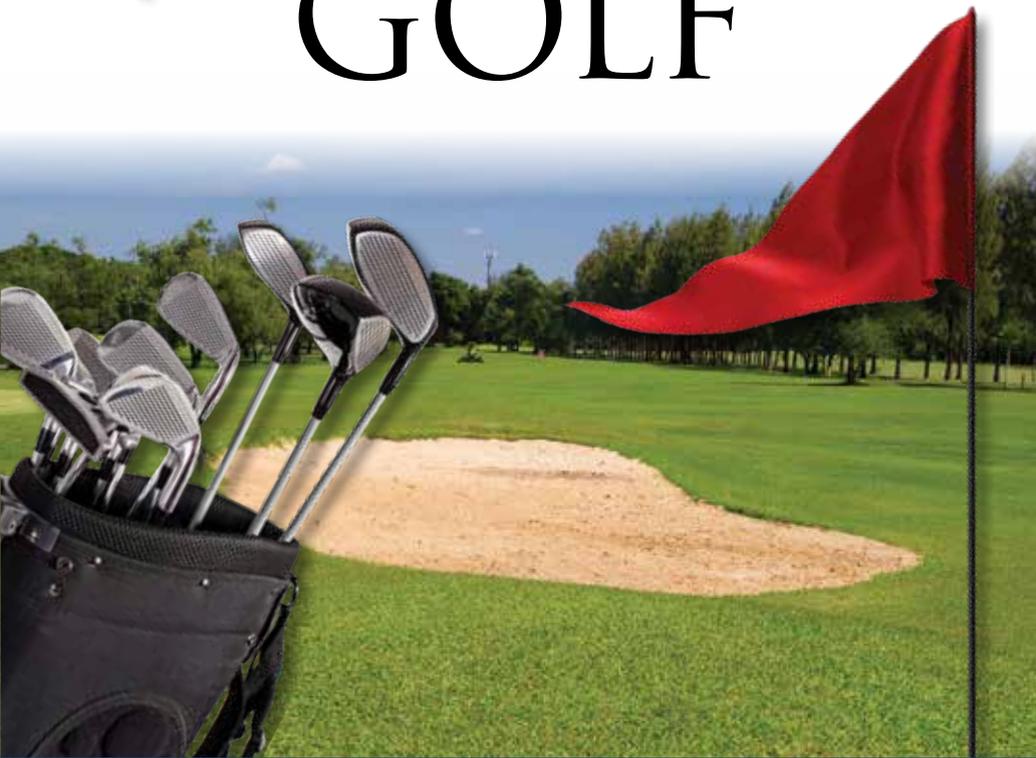


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Requirements

Always check www.scouting.org for the latest requirements.

1. Discuss safety on the golf course. Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while golfing, including lightning strike, heat reactions, dehydration, blisters, sprains, and strains.
2. Study the USGA “Rules of Golf” now in use.
 - a. Tell about the three categories of golf etiquette.
 - b. Demonstrate that you understand the definitions of golf terms.
 - c. Show that you understand the “Rules of Amateur Status.”
3. Tell about your understanding of the World Handicap System.
4. Do the following:
 - a. Tell about the early history of golf.
 - b. Describe golf’s early years in the United States.
 - c. Tell about the accomplishments of a top golfer of your choice.
5. Discuss with your counselor vocational opportunities related to golf.
6. Do the following:
 - a. Tell how golf can contribute to a healthy lifestyle, mentally and physically.
 - b. Tell how a golf exercise plan can help you play better. Show two exercises that would help improve your game.



7. Show the following:
 - a. The proper grip, stance, posture, and key fundamentals of a good swing
 - b. Driver played from a tee
 - c. The fairway wood shot
 - d. The long iron shot
 - e. The short iron shot
 - f. The approach, chip-and-run, and pitch shots
 - g. A recovery shot from a bunker or heavy rough
 - h. A sound putting stroke
8. Play a minimum of two nine-hole rounds or one 18-hole round of golf with another golfer about your age and with your counselor, or an adult approved by your counselor. Do the following:
 - a. Follow the “Rules of Golf.”
 - b. Practice good golf etiquette.
 - c. Show respect to fellow golfers, committee, sponsor, and gallery.

Golf Resources

Scouting Literature

Athletics, First Aid, Personal Fitness, and Sports merit badge pamphlets

With your parent's permission, visit the Boy Scouts of America's official retail website, www.scoutshop.org, for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books

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Organizations and Websites

American Junior Golf Association
1980 Sports Club Drive
Braselton, GA 30517
www.ajga.org

College Golf Camps
8117 Preston Road, Suite 300
Dallas, TX 75225
collegegolfcamps.com/

The First Tee
www.thefirsttee.org

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)
1421 Research Park Dr.
Lawrence, KS 66049
GCSAA.org

Golf Digest and **Golf World**
www.golfdigest.com

Golf Magazine
www.golf.com

Golfweek
www.golfweek.com

Ladies Professional Golf Association
100 International Golf Drive
Daytona Beach, FL 32124-1092
www.lpga.com

PING American College Golf Guide
www.collegegolf.com

Professional Golfers' Association of America
Box 109601
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
www.pga.com

Professional Golfers' Association Tour
100 PGA Tour Blvd.
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
www.pgatour.com

Safety Tips: Golf (for Teens) — Nemours KidsHealth
kidshealth.org/teens/safety-golf

U.S. Golf Association
P.O. Box 746
Far Hills, NJ 07931-0746
www.usga.org

U.S. Kids Golf
3040 Northwoods Parkway
Norcross, GA 30071
www.uskidsgolf.com

U.S. Sports Camps
1010 B St., Suite 450
San Rafael, CA 94901
www.ussportscamps.com