

Golf Camp Philosophy

Our teaching priorities include golf as a game of fun, excitement, and lifetime enjoyment. We have designed the golf camps to be goal oriented, which provide leader environment. The curriculum for the golf programs features all facets of golf set-up, Full Swing, Putting, Chipping, Pitching, Fairway & Greenside Bunker Golf Course Strategy, Video Lessons, Rules of Golf, Golf Etiquette and a physical fitness session with certified athletic trainer Ron Welch. Ron specializes in golf conditioning and will discuss golf specific exercises and stretching techniques. Professional Club-Fitting Sessions may also be available if time permits. Advanced camps will cover the mental side of golf and golf course management.

PGA Professional Golf Instruction

Our enthusiastic instructors are certified PGA Golf Professionals, and ambitious Professional Golf Management students from Ferris' world-renowned Professional Golf Management program. The program has produced over 1,600 graduates since its inception in 1975. Many of our junior golf camp students have attended Ferris and have gone on to enjoy careers in the golf business. The 6:1 student to instructor ratio for our golf camps provides the individual attention you are looking for when learning or increasing your knowledge of golf.

Ferris State's Katke Golf Course & Practice Facility

Your learning experience will take place on our state-of-the-art practice facility which includes nearly 100,000 square feet of teeing space, six target greens, and a 10,000 square-foot practice putting, chipping, and pitching green. Our facility also offers a greenside and fairway bunker area as well as a three-hole practice golf course, which includes a 155-yard par 3, a 325-yard par 4 and a 330-yard par 4. Ferris State's Katke Golf Course is the site for your on-course golf experiences. The par 71 championship golf course measures 6,850 yards from the championship tees, 6,333 yards from the middle tees and 4,966 from the forward tees. The course is set against Mecosta County's beautiful rolling hills. It has many tree-lined fairways, water hazards and strategically placed bunkers. Katke is a great test of golf for golfers of all skill levels.

Camp Recreational Facilities and Other Activities

Ferris State University and the Big Rapids Community provide a variety of additional activities outside of the golfing environment. Our campers will improve their golf skills through the day and participate in other activities with our staff such as swimming, basketball, football, soccer, ultimate frisbee, kickball, softball, and dodgeball in the evenings. Our junior golf camps are intended to keep the game fun and challenging as well as expose the students to other competitive activities letting kids be kids in a learning-friendly environment.

Other Camps

Ferris State University offers many other junior camps during the summer such as Adult/Junior Tennis, Soccer, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Volleyball, Marching Band, Softball, and Track/Field.

Golf Camp Staff

Our staff has drawn upon their instruction experience to put together a curriculum that provides easy learning and understanding of the golf swing. The program includes video analysis on our V1 Video Teaching and Coaching System with drills and a low-pressure learning environment. Our students are never asked to perform above their individual skill levels or playing abilities. Our students will always go home feeling that they have received an ample amount and an equal balance of both golf instruction and on-course playing time.



Schedule for Week-Long Junior Camps

Session 1: June 13-18
Session 2: June 20-25
Session 3: July 11-16
Session 4: July 18-23

SUNDAY

6:00 p.m. Residence Hall Registration
7:00 p.m. Pizza Social Gathering, Orientation/Schedule of Events

MONDAY-THURSDAY

7:00-8:15 a.m. Breakfast
8:30-12:00 p.m. Golf Instruction
12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00-5:00 p.m. Golf Instruction & Play
5:15-6:15 p.m. Dinner
6:30-9:00 p.m. Practice, Play & other Recreational Activities

FRIDAY

8:00-1:30 p.m. Golf Tournament
1:30-2:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon & Closing Comments
2:30 p.m. Check-out
Parents & Family may attend Friday luncheon

Fees & Eligibility

Our co-ed junior golf camps are geared toward students of all abilities from ages 12-18. To keep the groups competitive and fair, ability levels will be determined by a 9 hole score on Monday (Day 1) and the students will be grouped accordingly. All students will receive instruction tailored to their skills giving them the opportunity to improve with our staff and through their upcoming competitive golf seasons.

Resident Plan: \$675 (was \$690)

The resident plan includes golf instruction, golf fees, unlimited use of our practice facility, five nights of lodging in our on-campus residential suites, meals beginning Sunday evening and ending with the Friday luncheon, registration tee gifts, awards, and full use of other on-campus recreational facilities.

Commuter Plan: \$525 (was \$530)

The commuter plan includes golf instruction, golf fees, unlimited use of our practice facility, Sunday Pizza Social, five lunches, awards and registration tee gifts. Use of other on-campus recreational facilities is optional.

Home of Professional Golf Management

The Professional Golf Management Program (PGM) at Ferris State University was established in 1975. The program is best described as a joint venture with the Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA) and designed for the student interested in a career in the golf industry as a PGA member. Students enrolled in the PGM program gain both a B.S. degree in business from Ferris State University and experience credits toward membership in the PGA.

The Ferris program was the first of its kind and includes preparation in the following areas: operation of a golf shop (including marketing, merchandising, accounting, and small business management); golf course maintenance; public relations; teaching skills; rules of golf; club repair and fitting and the organization and conduct of golf events.

This preparation is acquired through on-campus study on the Big Rapids campus along with five semesters of work in a cooperative education program. The required internship experience of five semesters (16-20 months) gives students the opportunity to work at golf facilities with PGA professionals or in administrative positions in PGA affiliated organizations.

PGM students enrolled in the program are required to enter the PGA's Professional Golf Management Program. This program is administered on campus and is also an integral component for the students.



Registration "Early Bird Special" Before April 1st - \$599 (WOW)

We wish to reward the parents who commit their future golfers to our junior golf camps early. If you register your child before April 1st, the price is significantly reduced to \$599. A payment of Visa, Mastercard, or Discover can be made by phone, fax, or online at ferris.edu/katke

Registration After April 1st

Full payment must be made before camp begins. Unfortunately, we cannot allow campers to participate until all fees have been paid. We do accept payments up to the start of camps (Sunday registration). *If possible, we would appreciate all camp registrants be paid in full 30 days before the camp session begins. Your cooperation concerning payment is greatly appreciated.*

For Further Information

- Contact Athletics Camp Coordinator or Ferris State's Katke Golf Course
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