



Cantigny Golf to Host Inaugural Family Golf Weekend June 8-10

Special events include free instruction clinics and Parent/Junior Golf & Grill; Weekend will also introduce permanent family-friendly programs to make golf fun for all

WHEATON, IL, May 29, 2012 — Cantigny wants to make golf more fun for all ages and provide a welcoming environment for those who want to learn the game. With those goals in mind, Cantigny will host Family Golf Weekend from Friday, June 8, through Sunday, June 10. The first-time event is open to golfers of all skill levels and even non-golfers seeking a light introduction to “the game of a lifetime.”

“This year we’ve focused our efforts on bringing more people into the game,” said Patrick Lynch, Cantigny’s head golf professional. “Family Golf Weekend and our new ‘Welcome to Golf’ clinic series are just the beginning. It’s all about making it easier to enter the game and keeping the process fun.”

Lynch sees some parallels between learning to ski and learning to golf. Ski resorts usually offer a “bunny hill” for beginners—a way for people to start small and get a feel for the sport. In fact, one of the complementary clinics during Cantigny’s Family Golf Weekend is called “The Bunny Hill Approach to Learning Golf.”

“The professional staff here at Cantigny is 100% behind this,” Lynch said. “We’re here to share our passion for the game and help people get started the right way.”

Family Golf Weekend will feature events and programs for the whole family ages 5 and up. The complete schedule for June 8-10 is posted at CantignyGolf.com. Highlights include:

- **Golf Specials on the main course and at Cantigny Youth Links**
- **Complimentary Instructional Clinics**
- **Parent/Junior Golf & Grill on Sunday, June 10** (reservations required; entry deadline June 7)

The weekend will also mark the debut of two new permanent programs geared to new golfers:

- **4-Hole Evening Play:** Special rates after 6 pm, and kids play free with a paying adult. Perfect for beginners as well as experienced golfers with limited time!
- **Family Golf Tees:** New tees positioned much closer to the greens, allowing new golfers to match their abilities to the golf course.

“Golf truly is the game of a lifetime,” Lynch said, “and it’s never too late to start. All of us here at Cantigny believe strongly in golf as a family game that can be enjoyed together.”

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About Cantigny Golf

Cantigny Golf, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, opened for play in 1989. That year, *Golf Digest* magazine named it the “Best New Public Course in America.” Designed by golf course architect Roger Packard, the 27-hole Cantigny layout has hosted the Illinois State Amateur three times and also the 2007 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. The 300-acre Cantigny Golf complex, a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, includes the Woodside, Lakeside and Hillside nines, the year-round Cantigny Golf Academy, the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links and a full-service clubhouse with dining and banquet facilities. For more information, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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