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TRYOUTS, MATCHES AND SEASON EXPECTATIONS

Tryouts: Pine Lake Country Club, 5504 Lebanon Rd, Mint Hill, NC, www.pinelakecountryclub.com

- August from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45p.m.
and if invited back for the second day:
- August from 4:30 p.m. - 6:45p.m.
- Golf skills will be assessed on the driving range and on the chipping and putting greens.
- Some players may or may not be called back for the second day.
- Not all players will qualify for the golf team.

Keep in mind: A good attitude will carry you further than a long drive.

Bring: Your own golf clubs, collared shirt, shorts or khakis (no jeans), water bottle and a smiling attitude.

Requirements: All forms must be completed and given to the Athletic Director before tryouts.

- Current Physical (after submitting online, give the Original to the coach at tryouts).
- Permission/Medical form
- Concussion Form
- Complete the CMS/JMR Dragonfly Online Portal found on the JMR Athletics webpage.

Home Course:

Pine Lake Country Club (5504 Lebanon Road, Mint Hill, NC 28227)

Season Schedule: Monday through Thursday. (Rarely on Friday, but might be possible due to weather and scheduling needs.)

Three Practices each week at 4:30 p.m. beginning first week of September.

Practices will last approximately two hours and consist of competitive games, drills & skills, mindset prep, and practice rounds.

Typically, practices will be held on Monday (Pebble Creek Par-3 or TopGolf), Tuesday, and Wednesday. Thursdays are typically reserved for matches, but this will vary and you'll have to be flexible with the practice and match schedules. This is so because golf teams and golf clubs are constantly juggling practices and matches due to weather conditions, a golf course's/club's pre-existing matches, school and players' availability, etc. It is always a moving target. That's golf. Thank you for your needed flexibility.

AND...

One Match each week beginning mid-September. We will have seven to eight matches. Half of the matches will be at our home course, Pine Lake Country Club, and our away matches will be throughout Southwest Charlotte depending on that given school's home course. **This is not an afternoon social club.** These are competitive matches against other school teams, just like football, baseball, soccer, basketball and more. **This is the JMR Golf Team: Go Chargers!!**

Matches are based on playing 9-holes (depending on daylight) starting around 4:30 and 5:00 p.m., with possible make-up match(es) due to weather issues. Six players compete in a match and the best four scores are counted for the team's overall score for the match.

FAQ'S:

1. Do I have to have my own golf clubs? Yes, golf clubs are not provided.
2. Is prior experience required? Technically, no, but almost always needed. But unless you can pull off a Happy Gilmore and come out and win on tour the first time playing, then it likely won't work. Even if someone could swing well, there is still golf etiquette, golf course strategy, golf rules and scoring to know, and that just takes time and playing to achieve.
3. Is this an afterschool club or a competitive team? This is a competitive team sport for the school. We compete against other schools who are fielding their own competitive teams too. This is not an afternoon club where kids may be introduced to golf. We're here to win and grab a conference title and have fun on the way.
4. Can my child be on the golf and football team? I can't see how that would work since we have practices at the same time.
5. Does the school provide transportation to and from practices and matches? No. The player is responsible for getting to and from practices and matches.

Thank you,


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Jay M. Robinson Middle School
Golf Coach

CMS Jay M. Robinson Middle School
 Fall 2023 Boys and Girls Golf Tryout Assessment
 7th and 8th Graders

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Student: _____

Grade: _____

DAY ONE	Poor 1 pts	Fair 2 pts	Good 3 pts	Excellent 4 pts
Playing Experience 4 pts 3 shots	Poor Athlete has no playing experience playing golf	Fair Athlete has played golf with a friend or family member.	Good Athlete has taken private lessons.	Excellent Athlete has taken lessons, played and continues to play on a regular basis.
Wedges to Greens 4 pts 3 shots	Poor Athlete did not successfully hit any of the 3 balls.	Fair Athlete hit 1 or 2 balls successfully.	Good Athlete hit all balls successfully.	Excellent Athlete hit all 3 of the balls successfully and more than one was a high shot.
Irons 4 pts 3 shots	Poor Athlete did not successfully hit any of the 3 balls.	Fair Athlete hit 1 or 2 balls successfully.	Good Athlete hit all balls successfully.	Excellent Athlete hit all 3 of the balls successfully and more than one was a high shot.
Woods & Hybrids 4 pts 3 shots	Poor Athlete did not successfully hit any of the 3 balls.	Fair Athlete hit 1 or 2 balls successfully.	Good Athlete hit all balls successfully.	Excellent Athlete hit all 3 of the balls successfully and more than one was a high shot.
Driver 4 pts 3 shots	Poor Athlete did not successfully hit any of the 3 balls.	Fair Athlete hit 1 or 2 balls successfully.	Good Athlete hit all balls successfully.	Excellent Athlete hit all 3 of the balls successfully and more than one was a high shot.
DAY TWO (BY INVITATION)				
Putts: Short & Lags 4 pts Three opportunities from 6'. Three opportunities from 30'.	Poor Athlete did not make any of the putts within the two-stroke limit.	Fair Athlete made 1 or 2 putts within the two-stroke limit.	Good Athlete made 3 or 4 putts within the two-stroke limit.	Excellent Athlete made 5 or more putts within the two-stroke limit.
Chips: Short & Long 4 pts Three short chips to a 3' ring. Three long chips to a 6' ring.	Poor Athlete did not make any chips in or next to the rings.	Fair Athlete made 1 or 2 chips in or next to the rings.	Good Athlete made 3 or 4 chips within or next to the rings.	Excellent Athlete made 5 or more chips in or next to the rings.

PRACTICE ROUND (2 OR 3 HOLES) SCORE:
