



CHASE'N BIRDIES JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

2026–27 PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Chase'n Birdies is a junior golf development program designed to help kids build golf fundamentals, confidence, friendships, and a lifelong love for the game in a fun and encouraging environment.

Our mission is to help junior golfers grow both on and off the golf course through structured instruction, positive coaching, age-appropriate competition, and an environment where every child feels comfortable learning and improving.

The program is open to junior golfers ages 4–15 of all experience levels. No prior golf experience is required. Chase'n Birdies welcomes complete beginners as well as experienced junior golfers looking to continue developing their games.

Golfers are divided into smaller groups based primarily on age and ability. When possible, we also consider gender and friendships to help players feel comfortable and connected with their peers. Groups may change throughout the season as our coaching staff becomes more familiar with each golfer and their development.

Our goal is simple: every child should leave Chase'n Birdies excited to come back and play golf again.

PROGRAM SEASON

Chase'n Birdies classes run from September through April.

The program does not hold regularly scheduled classes during the summer months. Families will receive class schedules and important program dates throughout the season through Golf Genius.

CLASS OPTIONS & REGISTRATION

Pinewoods After-School Program — Wednesdays & Thursdays

Students are picked up from Pinewoods Elementary School at approximately 3:10 PM and transported by golf cart to Stoneybrook Golf Club. Class runs from 3:10 PM to 4:45 PM.

Parents must notify Pinewoods Elementary School that their child is a "walker" so they may be released through the appropriate gate for pickup by the Chase'n Birdies staff.

Pickup takes place at Stoneybrook Golf Club promptly at 4:45 PM. Because our evening class begins shortly afterward, prompt pickup is extremely important. Repeated late pickups may result in the loss of a student's spot in the Pinewoods After-School Program.

Pinewoods Classes

Wednesday Pinewoods — 3:10PM–4:45 PM

Register here: <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/au7ajc/register>

Thursdays Pinewoods — 3:10PM–4:45 PM

Register here: www.golfgenius.com/ggid/jvve9y/register

Evening Classes

Wednesday Evening — 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Register here: www.golfgenius.com/ggid/lh27cx/register

Thursday Evening — 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Register here: www.golfgenius.com/ggid/sn75uu/register

Saturday Morning Classes

Saturday Morning — 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Register here: www.golfgenius.com/ggid/tqc7ws/register

CLASS OPTIONS & REGISTRATION

To maintain a safe, organized, and high-quality learning environment, **each Chase'n Birdies class is limited to a maximum of 35 golfers.**

Monthly memberships receive priority and guarantee a golfer's spot for the month. Once a class reaches 35 monthly memberships, the class is considered full and additional monthly memberships will not be accepted unless a spot becomes available.

Because class availability can change throughout the season, families are encouraged to reserve their child's spot as early as possible.

WHAT KIDS DO IN CLASS

Each Chase'n Birdies class is designed to combine golf instruction with fun, competition, and opportunities for kids to interact with other junior golfers.

- Driving range instruction and full-swing fundamentals
- Chipping and short-game stations

- Putting instruction and games
- Golf-related team competitions
- Individual challenges
- Skill development activities
- Age-appropriate golf rules and etiquette
- Opportunities to learn through both instruction and play

Activities and instruction may vary from week to week. Our coaches understand that every junior golfer learns differently. Some students arrive with tournament experience, while others may be holding a golf club for the first time.

Our goal is to meet each golfer where they are and help them continue progressing while enjoying the game.

BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME

No previous golf experience is required to participate in Chase'n Birdies.

Many Chase'n Birdies students begin the program with little or no golf experience. Our coaches are experienced in introducing the game to young golfers and helping them become comfortable with golf equipment, basic fundamentals, and the golf course environment.

New golfers should simply arrive ready to learn and have fun. We will take care of the rest.

EQUIPMENT

Chase'n Birdies has full sets of junior golf clubs available for students who do not currently own their own equipment. We provide clubs in a variety of junior sizes and have both right-handed and left-handed equipment available.

Families are welcome to bring their child's own golf clubs if they have them, but owning golf clubs is not required to participate.

Our goal is to make getting started in golf as easy as possible. Families should not feel pressured to purchase golf equipment before knowing whether their child enjoys the game. If your child does not have clubs, simply let our staff know at check-in.

ATTIRE & WHAT TO BRING

Golf attire is encouraged but is not required. Athletic clothing and comfortable shoes are perfectly acceptable for Chase'n Birdies classes. Golf shoes are not required.

Students should dress appropriately for the weather and are encouraged to bring a water bottle to every class. Florida weather can be warm, especially during the early months of the season, and staying hydrated is extremely important.

Please clearly label water bottles and personal golf equipment with your child's name whenever possible.

PRICING & PAYMENT

MEMBERSHIP & PRICING

Chase'n Birdies offers two participation options based on the class selected.

All weekday classes are available exclusively through a Monthly Membership. Monthly Membership allows junior golfers to build upon each week's instruction while maintaining consistent coaching groups throughout the school year.

Saturday classes offer greater flexibility. Families may choose either a **Monthly Membership** or register as a **Saturday Drop-In**. Monthly Membership is ideal for golfers who plan to attend most Saturdays and want to reserve their spot each week. Saturday Drop-Ins are designed for families whose weekend schedules vary throughout the school year and are accepted on a space-available basis.

Monthly Membership

The Monthly Membership rate is **\$35 per scheduled class**.

Monthly Membership is required for all Wednesday, Thursday, and Pinewoods classes and is also available for Saturday classes. Families with a Monthly Membership have a guaranteed spot in their registered class each week throughout the month.

Monthly tuition varies depending on the number of scheduled classes during that month. For example, if four Wednesday classes are scheduled, the monthly tuition for one golfer would be **\$140**. The full monthly balance is due before the first scheduled class of each month.

Monthly Membership guarantees a golfer's spot regardless of weekly attendance.

Sibling Monthly Membership

Families with two siblings participating through a Monthly Membership receive a sibling rate of **\$60 per scheduled class**. For example, if four classes are scheduled during a month, the total monthly tuition for two siblings would be **\$240**.

The full monthly balance is due before the first scheduled class of each month.

Saturday Drop-In

Saturday Drop-Ins are available **only for Saturday classes**.

The drop-in rate is **\$45 per class** for an individual golfer or **\$75 per class** for two siblings.

Drop-In registration is accepted on a space-available basis and does not reserve a recurring weekly class spot.

Payment is due before or at the Saturday class being attended.

Once a Saturday class reaches capacity through Monthly Memberships, Saturday Drop-In availability may become limited or unavailable.

Payment Methods

- Venmo: @Chase-Marinell — preferred
- Apple Pay: 239-848-2021
- Cash or check in an envelope with the child's first and last name clearly written on the front

Please include the golfer's name with electronic payments whenever possible.

WEEKLY RSVP & COMMUNICATION

Every Sunday morning, families receive an attendance invitation through Golf Genius for the upcoming week of classes. Families must select either "Playing" or "Not Playing."

Monthly families are still required to respond to the weekly attendance invitation even though their child's class spot is already reserved.

Selecting "Not Playing" does not result in a refund or class credit. However, responding each week allows the Chase'n Birdies staff to accurately plan coaching groups, staffing, equipment, and Pinewoods transportation.

The primary email address listed during registration will receive the weekly Golf Genius attendance invitations. Families are strongly encouraged to use an email address that they check regularly.

If you need to change the primary email address or cell phone number associated with your registration, please contact Chase. Families with multiple children participating in the same class should contact Chase if they experience any issues receiving or responding to attendance invitations for each child.

CHECK-IN & FIRST CLASS

For Stoneybrook classes, check-in is located near the main chipping green at the far end of the driving range. Golfers will receive a name tag at check-in and will be directed to their assigned coaching group.

New families are encouraged to arrive approximately 10–15 minutes early for their child's first class. This provides enough time to locate the check-in area, meet the staff, and receive golf clubs if needed.

After the first week, golfers should arrive with enough time to check in before their scheduled class begins.

ON-COURSE CHALLENGE

Wednesday & Thursday Evening Classes Only

On the final Wednesday and Thursday evening class of each month, students participate in the Chase'n Birdies On-Course Challenge.

The On-Course Challenge gives junior golfers the opportunity to take the skills they have been practicing and use them on the golf course in a fun, relaxed, and supportive environment.

Depending on daylight and the time of year, golfers typically play approximately three holes or as many holes as time allows. The On-Course Challenge generally begins with a shotgun start between 5:05 PM and 5:15 PM.

Exact instructions will be communicated to families before each On-Course Challenge.

Caddie Requirement

Each golfer is required to have a parent, sibling, guardian, or other responsible family member serve as their caddie during the On-Course Challenge.

Caddies play an important role in helping maintain pace of play, assisting players with their golf equipment, and encouraging golfers throughout the round.

Golf carts may be available for caddies during the On-Course Challenge. Families will receive additional information regarding carts before each event.

On-Course Challenge Awards

Following play, golfers and families gather on Duffy's patio for scoring and awards.

The Pinewoods After-School Program and Saturday classes do not participate in the monthly On-Course Challenge. The challenge is specifically designed for the Wednesday and Thursday evening class format.

WEATHER POLICY

Florida weather can change quickly, and the safety of our golfers and families is always our priority.

For Wednesday and Thursday evening classes, cancellation notices will generally be sent by 4:30 PM through Golf Genius text communication. For the Pinewoods After-School Program, cancellation notices will generally be sent by 2:30 PM.

Saturday weather updates will be communicated to registered families as early as reasonably possible. If dangerous weather develops after a class has begun, families may receive an immediate pickup notification.

Weather and urgent program updates are sent to the primary cell phone number listed during registration. Families should notify Chase if their primary contact information changes.

BEHAVIOR & SAFETY

Chase'n Birdies is committed to providing a positive, safe, and encouraging learning environment.

- Listen to coaches and staff
- Respect other golfers
- Treat golf equipment and facilities properly
- Follow all safety instructions
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Use appropriate language and behavior

Golf clubs and golf balls can be dangerous when used improperly. Students are expected to immediately follow all safety instructions provided by the coaching staff.

Repeated unsafe or disruptive behavior may result in a golfer being removed from an activity or class. Our goal is always to work with golfers and families to create a positive experience for everyone involved.

MISSED CLASSES, MAKE-UPS & REFUNDS

Monthly reservations guarantee a golfer's class spot for the scheduled month.

There are no refunds or credits for classes missed due to personal scheduling conflicts, vacations, illness, or a family's decision not to attend. Weekly "Not Playing" responses do not create a future class credit.

If Chase'n Birdies cancels a class due to weather or an instructor-related cancellation, families will receive communication regarding a credit, makeup opportunity, or other applicable arrangement.

Drop-in participants are charged only for the individual classes they attend.

READY FOR MORE? — THE JUNIOR GOLF PATHWAY

One of the goals of Chase'n Birdies is to help junior golfers develop a lifelong relationship with the game.

For some golfers, Chase'n Birdies is simply a fun weekly activity and an opportunity to spend time with friends. For others, the program may become the beginning of a competitive junior golf journey.

As golfers develop their skills, confidence, and understanding of the game, our coaching staff is happy to help families determine when a child may be ready for additional playing opportunities or junior tournament golf.

Many Chase'n Birdies golfers have continued their development through the Suncoast Junior Tour, a Southwest Florida junior golf tour offering age-appropriate competitive opportunities for developing and experienced junior golfers.

There is no required timeline. Every junior golfer develops differently.

Our goal is to help each child enjoy the game, continue improving, and find the golf experience that is right for them.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DOES MY CHILD NEED GOLF EXPERIENCE?

No. Complete beginners are welcome.

DOES MY CHILD NEED GOLF CLUBS?

No. Chase'n Birdies has junior golf clubs available in multiple sizes, including left-handed equipment.

HOW ARE GOLFERS GROUPED?

Golfers are grouped primarily by age and ability. When possible, gender and friendships may also be considered.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR?

Golf attire is encouraged but not required. Athletic clothing and comfortable shoes are acceptable. Golf shoes are not required.

SHOULD MY CHILD BRING WATER?

Yes. We strongly encourage every golfer to bring a clearly labeled water bottle.

DO I HAVE TO STAY DURING CLASS?

Parents are not required to remain during regular Stoneybrook instructional classes unless otherwise communicated by the coaching staff. An adult caddie is required for the Wednesday and Thursday evening On-Course Challenge.

WHY DO MONTHLY FAMILIES STILL HAVE TO RSVP?

Weekly attendance responses help our coaches accurately plan staffing, groups, equipment, and transportation.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD MISSES A MONTHLY CLASS?

Monthly reservations hold a golfer's class spot. Missed classes do not result in a refund or future class credit.

CAN MY CHILD ATTEND AS A DROP-IN?

Drop-in participation is available for eligible classes when space allows on Saturday classes only. Drop-in availability is not guaranteed.

WHAT HAPPENS IF IT RAINS?

Weather updates and cancellations are communicated through Golf Genius text messages using the primary cell phone number listed during registration.

DOES MY CHILD NEED A CADDIE?

A caddie is only required for the Wednesday and Thursday evening On-Course Challenge.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please feel free to reach out with any questions regarding registration, class placement, equipment, or the Chase'n Birdies Junior Golf Program.

We look forward to welcoming your junior golfer to Chase'n Birdies!