



SCGA Foundation Launches Youth on Course and Web Site

STUDIO CITY, CA - This week the SCGA Foundation launched Youth on Course, a new program that increases the affordability and accessibility of golf for juniors. Through this program, certified juniors can play the game for \$2 or less and can hit balls for a \$1 during off-peak hours at local golf facilities.

Juniors must be certified through a local junior golf program that works with the SCGA Foundation. Certification includes testing of golf etiquette, ability, and rules, but also requires taking part in a life skills program such as The First Tee's curriculum (www.thefirsttee.org). The SCGA Foundation will open this program to all Southern California youth by 2010. Currently, there are seven organizations that certify juniors and [25 courses](#) participating in Southern California.

Founded in 2003 by the NCGA Foundation, Youth on Course is now a statewide initiative. All participants in both organizations have reciprocal benefits which allow any certified youth access to over 100 courses in California. With this partnership, the SCGA and NCGA Foundations are making the game and its inherent values more accessible to any child.

To learn more about Youth on Course and the participating golf facilities, please visit www.scgafoundation.org or <http://www.ncgafoundation.org>.

New SCGA Foundation Website

SCGA Foundation has unveiled a redesigned Web site this week, which marks another phase of a strategic branding initiative that began this year for the Foundation. The attractive, clean and freshly designed site (www.scgafoundation.org) provides expanded information about the Foundation and its programs, such as Youth on Course, Giving Back through the Game grants, and Leaving a Legacy scholarships. This updated look is a part of a marketing initiative to attract and encourage those of all ages to learn more about the SCGA Foundation and become involved.

About the SCGA Foundation:

The SCGA Foundation is the philanthropic branch of the Southern California Golf Association. It is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to sponsoring the education and character development of Southern California youth through golf. It accomplishes its mission through many different initiatives and relies on fundraising for its operating revenue. Please learn more at www.scgafoundation.org.

About the SCGA:

The Southern California Golf Association is one of the oldest and largest regional golf associations in the United States with more than 160,000 members throughout Southern California. As the principal ruling body for amateur golf in Southern California, the SCGA administers a handicapping system, measures and provides course and Slope ratings at more than 400 golf courses, conducts major amateur golf championships and qualifiers, owns and operates The SCGA Golf Course in Murrieta, and works to promote the game of golf throughout its region and the state.

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