

Growing Kids Through Golf

Since 1989

History

The Growing Kids Through Golf junior golf program began working with young people in 1989. The ministry was introduced to create positive Christian mentoring relationships for young people while teaching them the game of golf.

The Growing Kids Through Golf program is well into its second decade of culturally effective outreach through the local church.

The Growing Kids program has been introduced to churches, youth programs, and golf courses across the country and the world. This program has proven effective in rural, suburban, and urban communities alike.

The program has developed a steadily growing national network of trained and dedicated volunteers. Today, the ministry continues to expand through the participation of like minded volunteers who have committed to impact the lives of young people and their families using this unique method of sharing the Good news of Jesus Christ.

The Growing Kids leadership team provides over 75 years of combined golf and youth ministry leadership expertise. Take a look inside and then come watch us grow!

Your GKTG Team

Golf & Kids

Golf is widely accepted as the fastest growing participation sport in America. Today, even the top sports figure in the world is a golfer.

Research has revealed that 75% of kids drop out of team sports by the age of 13. We have also seen that as many as 80% of church attending young people end their attendance at the age of 18.



The Growing Kids program is an effective tool in battling both of these negative realities. First, by allowing kids to advance at their own pace while developing their skills. Secondly, the program guides the young people into a leadership, or “ownership” role, as they advance through the six level program. This effort keeps them connected to the local church as they grow into adulthood.

As kids today are being challenged with a multiplicity of negative choices, Growing Kids provides positive alternatives in allowing our kids to become confident and successful in their personal spiritual development.

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Why Golf & Why Kids?

- Over 75% of kids drop out of team sports by the age of 13!
- As many as 80% of kids leave church upon reaching the age of 18!
- Golf is the fastest growing participation sport in America.
- Golf relieves performance based pressure.
- The leading sports hero in the world is a golfer!
- Golf is an excellent vehicle for relationship building.
- Golf allows kids at every level to advance at their pace.
- Golf is a sport that can be used as a lifetime family activity.



Why The Growing Kids Program Works!

- Growing Kids Program began in 1989.
- Founder & Staff provide 75 years of professional golf experience & ministry leadership.
- Provides a mentoring environment the kids “want” to be in.
- Provides professional training, materials & support.
- Flexible formatting accommodates every situation.
- Facilitates character and spiritual growth in the kids.
- Serves as a quality mentoring format for young people.
- Increases volunteer participation.
- Directs kids and their families towards a church home.

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” III John 1:4



“Growing Kids” 36 Lessons

Character From God

Goal Setting
Concern For Others
Honesty
Patience
Humility
Forgiveness
Friendship
Self Respect
Loyalty
Joy
Respect
Obedience
Dependable
Graciousness
Faithful
Courageous
Honorable
Excellence
Fairness
Cheerful
Zealous
Perseverance
Thankful
Wisdom

Character Of God

Knowing God
God is Omniscient
God is Love
God is Faithful
God is Wise
God is Forgiving
God is Merciful
God is Holy
God is Almighty
God The Father
God The Son
God The Holy Spirit

The Workshop

- Taught by GKTG Founder & 25 year teaching professional Mark S. Eberle.
- A 4 hour program.
- Equips golfers and their church to use the Growing Kids Program as their golf evangelism/discipling ministry.
- Workshop training includes every aspect of the Growing Kids program; kids, location, mentoring, program options, golf instruction, etc.
- Includes nearly two hours of actual golf instruction.
- GKTG has made this program simple enough so that anyone with basic golf knowledge can use it
- Not only educational and informative but a lot of fun!

Workshop Cost

- \$150 donation for churches (up to 4 golfers from your church)
- \$150 donation for youth program leaders (up to 4 golfers)

**For information on how your church can Host a Growing Kids Through Golf Workshop Training Session contact Tom, tom@gktg.org.*

Who Should Attend

- Churches with golfers wanting to reach kids & families
- Youth organizations needing a quality golf mentoring program
- Mom & Dad, Grandpa or Grandma wanting a mentoring program to use with their kids
- Golf coaches
- Christian Schools for developing a school golf program

Workshop Includes

- GKTG Instructors Workbook
- GKTG Student Workbook
- Complete Program Training
- Web Site Program Recognition
- Three hours of golf instruction
- DVD Teaching Support

Sign up my church to attend the Growing Kids Workshop!

Name _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Email Address _____ Church Web Site _____



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GKTG Workshop Host Church

Time/Date

Contact

Phone

Growing Kids in Action!



PGA Tours Lee Janzen and PGA Professional Mike Yurigan talk to a group of Growing Kids in Orlando.



Former NHL All Star Michel Dion works with a group of attentive Growing Kids.



PGA Tour winner David Gossett took time from his busy schedule to drop by and talk to the Growing Kids at West Orange C.C..



Champions Tour star Jim Thorpe made time to meet with the Growing Kids and shoot some video for the ministry.



LPGA Tour veteran Tracy Hanson shares her personal story with a group of Ohio Growing Kids.



Tom Forte, Director of Operations works with a group from First Baptist Sweetwater at Rock Springs Ridge in Apopka, Florida (June, 2005)

Come grow with us and touch the life of a child!!

Start a program in your church and get an article about you "Growing Kids" in the next newsletter. Contact tom@gktg.org for additional information.