



## **Caddying – The Best Job for Young Men and Women and How a Golf Course Can Positively Impact the Community**

A youth caddie program is an investment in the future of young men and women. Caddies learn to work as a team on the golf course, helping one another, providing a great service that amplifies the golfing experience.

From a young age, caddies develop an outstanding work ethic and attitude from their exposure to a real life work experience. Each time young men and women caddie, they have the opportunity to spend over four hours interacting with mature, successful adults. Young caddies learn to relate to adults from varying backgrounds while developing strong communication skills. These valuable skills assist young people at school and help prepare them for life when they enter the workforce. Caddying instills a sense of accomplishment adding to self-confidence that is carried with them well beyond the golf course. Youth caddies learn to be self-sufficient through hard work while being driven to achieve.

In addition to encouraging teamwork, applying interpersonal skills and developing a strong work ethic, caddying is the number one way youths from modest economic backgrounds can learn the game of golf. Without caddying in their youth, we may never have seen the likes of Arnold Palmer, Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson or Sam Snead. This exposure to the game of golf through caddying develops new golfers, maintaining the strong traditions of the game of golf while promoting walking and exercise.

By adopting a youth caddie program, young men and women of the surrounding communities will have the opportunity to receive the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship – a full, four-year tuition and housing college scholarship. The Evans Scholarship changes the lives of deserving young caddies, and their families, allowing them to further their education at one of the nation's top universities.

Caddying provides a unique opportunity for a club to give something back to the community and the next generation. In addition to earning excellent money, the flexibility caddying provides allows young people a chance to continue numerous extracurricular activities and still maintain their focus on academics. With a declining number of job opportunities for young men and women, caddying is more important than ever to provide a healthy and positive work environment full of role models and mentors. Caddies frequently go on to take other roles at the club including bag room, pro shop, wait staff, valet and many more. Their caddie experience prepares them for success in these areas, providing the club with a strong pool of candidates while elevating the level of service at your club. Because of young caddies' strong work ethic and perseverance, these self-motivated young men and women are better prepared to succeed in life.

