

Junior Caddie Program

What are the goals of the junior caddie program?

To provide caddies to golfers; to provide honest work for able young men and women, while learning about the great game of golf and the values and life skills associated with this lifetime game.

How many junior caddies do we have?

We hope to have 10+ The First Tee junior caddies available for the golfers at any one point. As our program grows, we hope that different courses will be available in the greater Charleston area. There will be other junior caddies at Daniel Island; however, The First Tee caddies will be given priority bag loops when they arrive at the designated time.

Are there opportunities to become full caddies?

Yes, as they progress in skill, they may become eligible to become full caddies.

Are caddies paid by Daniel Island Club?

No, the caddies are not Daniel Island employees. Caddies are “employed” by golfers for whom they work. Payment is between the caddie and the golfer, who can pay the Caddie in cash. Suggested rates of payment are posted at the Pro Shop.

Do the caddies receive training?

Yes. The Caddie Master trains them at the beginning of each season. The feedback card also contains a selection for the golfer to comment on the caddies performance; this evaluation is used to rate the caddie, and also to perform additional training during the season. Nevertheless, the best training occurs during each golf round, when the golfer advises or corrects a caddie on the spot.

What do caddies do?

Just about anything the golfers desire of them. For the most part, it is carrying the clubs, raking bunkers, cleaning golf balls, replacing divots, tending the flagstick and cleaning clubs. If asked, more experienced caddies will also assist the golfer with club selection, distancing and strategy, but junior caddies aren't expected to be able to do these items right away. Caddies work for the golfers who pay them, not for the entire golf group.

Are caddies rated?

Each caddie is continuously rated into various categories; Locating Balls, Cleaning Clubs, Attending Flagsticks, Club Handling, Etiquette and Hustle are just some of the areas that junior caddies are rated.

What is the rate for 18 holes and how much should I tip a caddie?

The suggested rate for 18 holes is \$30 plus \$10 tip. If the junior caddie uses a push cart, the rate is \$20 plus \$10 tip.

What are the caddies responsible for wearing and bringing with them?

Caddies are expected to wear a white collared golf shirt, khaki shorts or slacks, and athletic shoes (tennis or sneakers). If the golf course is extremely wet or during inclement weather, water proof golf shoes are recommended. Meals are not provided; however many times members will purchase the caddies lunch at the turn or afterwards at the turn house. It is suggested they pick items that are easy to eat like sandwiches and fruit. They will be provided a hat, caddie bib, towel, yardage guide, divot tools, ball markers and tees.

How can you help?

Spread the word about the program and The First Tee of Greater Charleston and the junior caddie partnership with The Daniel Island Club.