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The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Junior Golf Initiative Expanding to Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain

Crossville, TN – The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Junior Golf Initiative is expanding. Beginning August 23, 2022, the program will be offered at Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain in Crossville, TN. The Kids Play Free initiative (KPF) will be offered at Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain on Sundays-Thursdays after 3:00 PM to junior golfers ages 15 and under.

Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain is an 18-hole, par 72 golf course with course yardages ranging from 5,073 yards to 6,928 yards in length. The course is a part of the Jack Nicklaus designed Bear Trace courses in Tennessee. In 2012 and 2013 Golfweek Magazine rated the course the No. 1 public golf course in Tennessee.

As the first 18-hole facility to offer the Kids Play Free program (KPF), junior golfers ages 15 and under will be able to play unlimited, free golf Sunday-Thursday after 3:00 PM at the course. A golf cart is not included unless the junior is playing with a paying adult and a seat is available in the adult's cart. Players participating in the KPF program at the facility must have adult supervision, but the adult does not have to be playing.

“The Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain Golf Course is proud to partner with PGA TOUR player, Scott Stallings, the Tennessee Golf Foundation and the Kids Play Free Program,” said Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain's General Manager, Kelvin Burgin, PGA. “Tennessee State Parks have a long-standing tradition of supporting area youth, this is one feature that Cumberland Mountain State Park is honored to be a part of. The Kids Play Free Program opens the door for junior golfers 15 and younger to participate in the great game of golf, free!”

The KPF program was formed by the Tennessee Golf Foundation in 2015 at Beverly Park Par 3 Golf Course. In January 2018, the program became The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Junior Golf Initiative and expanded to Concord Park Par 3 Golf Course. Since its expansion in January 2018, over 30,000 free rounds of golf have been played by over 3,000 junior golfers in the Knoxville area. In 2021, the program was expanded to Bloomfield Links in Murfreesboro, TN. Earlier in 2022, the program added The Patch in Oak Ridge, TN as one of its host facilities.

Stallings, a Knoxville resident who grew up playing his junior golf in Oak Ridge is a three-time PGA TOUR winner. His involvement with Kids Play Free has been the driving force behind the program's expansion and successes. With its partnership with Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain, the KPF is excited to continue to grow its reach and impact in Tennessee.

For more information regarding the KPF program visit knoxvillegolf.org/kpf.

About the Tennessee Golf Foundation:

The Tennessee Golf Foundation (TGF) is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The TGF operates statewide junior golf programs including The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Junior Golf Initiative, The First Tee of Tennessee, The Sneds Tour, Tennessee Middle School Golf Association, and more. Locally in Knoxville, the TGF manages Beverly Park Par 3 and Concord Park Par 3 Golf Courses and runs programs and events such as The First Tee of Tennessee, The Sneds Tour, the TMSG, The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Initiative, The Scotty Junior Four-Ball Championship and The Tri-Star Junior Match Play Championship.

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