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MIDWEST'S TOP EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA ANNOUNCES 2006 JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

Series of Lessons, Clinics, Camps, Tournaments Scheduled From May-September

Galena, Illinois – February 18, 2006 – The Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, the Midwest's true golf mecca with 63 holes of award-winning golf, has announced their 2006 **Junior Golf Program** for golf enthusiasts ages 9 – 17. The award-winning General course is the most well known and acclaimed as the No. 2-ranked public-access course in Illinois, according to *Golfweek Magazine*, as well as #60 on *Golf Magazines* list of courses that must be played in the United States. The resort is the perfect setting for family vacations and reunions and features 80 deluxe guest rooms and more than 400 unique condominiums, villas and executive homes.

Calling all kids! From Junior Golf Clinics, Lessons, Camps and Tournaments, the 2006 Eagle Ridge Junior Golf Program offers more than just great rates. Junior's will play free with any paid adult on the 9-hole, Par 34, East Course. Between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Junior's can enjoy

playing on their own at no charge. In addition, they can also join the Golf Academy that can advance the beginning golfer on his or her way or help sharpen the more experienced for 50% off the adult price. With three courses designed by Roger Packard: the North, South, East and The General, designed by Packard and PGA Touring Pro, Andy North, play out of their own clubhouse, complete with pro shop and grill. Junior Lessons are offered at 50% off the adult rate.

Ten-year-old Daniyal Ahmed, a returning Eagle Ridge Junior Golfer, has been playing golf since he was seven-years-old. "I love Eagle Ridge and have played all the courses from North, South, East, and The General. I enjoy playing The General the best...even though it is the most difficult," he commented. The General opened in 1997 and named after President Ulysses S. Grant who lived in nearby Galena, Illinois. His home is a national landmark.

"Daniyal also enjoys the Golf instruction classes at Eagle Ridge Resort where they taught him golf etiquette and how to really stand out." said his proud father Ikhlas Ahmed of his son, Daniyal. "Sometimes when we play, he even beats me,"

The Great Golf Weekend: MAY 26-28

All Golfers and Juniors are invited to the Great Golf Weekend scheduled from May 26-28, to help Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa kick off the 2006 Junior Golf Program. On Friday, May 26, the weekend will begin with a BBQ and Open Forum. On Saturday, May 27, free golf clinics will be held every odd hour beginning at 9 a.m., and on Sunday, May 28, there will be a Chipping and Putting Contest on the East Course.

The 2006 Junior Golf Programs Schedule:

The **Junior Golf Clinics** will be held weekly every Saturday. The clinics last 45 minutes, and encompass all aspects of the golf game. A fee of \$5 applies.

June

- 3rd – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range
- 10th – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range
- 17th – 3 p.m. – Junior Short Game Clinic at North Putting Green
- 24th – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range

July

1st – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range
8th – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range
22nd – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range
29th – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range

August

5th – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range
12th – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range
19th – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range
26th – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range

September

2nd – 3 p.m. – Junior Clinic at Driving Range

The Junior Golf Camps will be available monthly in June, July, and August with fees starting at \$99. The students will get personalized instruction with regards to their individual needs, as well as lessons in golf etiquette and dress. One and two day camps are available.

June

19th and 20th – 9 a.m. – One and Two Day Junior Golf Camp

July

17th and 18th – 9 a.m. – One and Two Day Junior Golf Camp

August

7th and 8th – 9 a.m. – One and Two Day Junior Golf Camp

The **Junior Tournament Series** consists of four tournaments that will be held throughout the summer with one on June 26th, two in July, the 10th and the 24th, and one on August 14th. As part of each of the tournaments, there will be a free 1-hour clinic at 11 a.m. for the Junior's who participate in the tour prior to lunch and the 2 p.m. start times. The fields will be "flighted" into four age groups: 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, and 15 – 17. Each tournament will have its own special bonus prize and tee theme:

The Boomer: Special driving contests on every hole!

The Patriot: Special prizes in every age group for the best Red, White, and Blue outfit!

The Player: Special skills challenge prior to play!

The Tour: Every player gets an "Eagle Ridge Junior Tour" bag tag!

MORE THAN GOLF: The Midwest's leading resort "kicked it up a notch" with the introduction of a new amenity that rounds out its scenic, historic and recreational offerings. The Stonedrift Spa opened on June 1, 2004 delivering on its promise to enhance the minds and bodies of all who visit. A haven of rejuvenation, Stonedrift Spa offers men and women a complementary balance of services both sybaritic and therapeutic. There are 10 treatment rooms, three facial rooms, a wet room with Vichy and Tsunami showers and the ultimate in getaways: a couples-only suite that features twin treatment tables and a large soaking tub, sized for two.

Completing the long list of amenities and activities available to Eagle Ridge members and guests are three restaurants, a retail shop, general store, and four fully-stocked golf clubhouses, fitness center and pool, tennis, boating, fishing, bike riding, hiking, horseback riding, volleyball, and hot air balloon rides.

For information on group meetings and functions at Eagle Ridge, call the resort toll-free at 800-998-MEET (6338). Information about accommodations and golf packages is available at 800-892-2269 or go to the resort's website at www.eagleridge.com.

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