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### **YMCA campers learn lessons about golf and life**

**Garner** — At least 100 students between the ages of 6 and 15 will learn and practice golf swings during a Junior Golf camp tomorrow (August 7) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., thanks to the United States Golf Association, Saint Augustine's College (Raleigh), and the YMCA.

The Meadowbrook Junior Golf Program is designed to provide community youth with access and exposure to the game of golf. In addition to this program, the College also has a First Tee program that provides golf instructions to community youth.

Saint Augustine's College has earned a \$15,000 USGA grant for its youth golf program, thus enabling the YMCA to use the College's newly acquired Golf Course and Recreational Complex at Meadowbrook in Garner. The campers will receive rotating lessons taught by five professionally certified golf instructors on golf techniques such as putting, chipping, pitching, long- and short-game, and golf baseball. While teeing off, they will also learn life skills such as honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, and courtesy, according to Andre Tiller, general manager at the Complex.

The College acquired Meadowbrook in 2007 in an effort to preserve a piece of North Carolina history and to ensure that the sport of golf is available to diverse populations who may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate. The golf club originally opened as a segregated facility in 1957 to provide a venue for African-Americans. The course officially reopened to the public in June.

For more information about the Meadowbrook Junior Golf Program, contact Andre Tiller, general manager at the Saint Augustine's College Golf Course and Recreational Complex, at 919-516-5010 or meadowbrook@st-aug.edu.

*Note: The USGA is committed to providing opportunities for personal development through golf and its values. To this end, the USGA launched an aggressive grant making program in 1997 to help organizations develop introductory golf programs and alternative golf facilities for youth from disadvantaged backgrounds, minority youth, girls and individuals with disabilities. Through 2007 the USGA has dedicated more than \$59 million to positively impact hundreds of thousands of children and people with disabilities. Having provided more than \$22 million to The First Tee and its Chapters, the USGA is the largest single financial supporter of The First Tee Network. The USGA is committed to this significant annual grants initiative through at least the end of this decade.*

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