



Community Youth Programs

2025-2026 SUMMARY

ALL KIDS DESERVE THE CHANCE TO GOLF.

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INTRODUCTION



On behalf of Bridges Golf Course, we'd like to thank all who contributed to the success of the Bridges Community Youth Golf Programs in 2025, which has allowed us to continue to provide opportunities to kids and youth in 2026 and beyond. Thanks to your support, our programs are...

Where kids and youth learn how to golf for FREE!

At Bridges Golf Course, we believe in creating opportunities for all kids and youth to golf. We have 2 separate golf programs that offer 100% free access to golf for kids ages 5-18, thanks to the support from our generous sponsors. Our mission is to turn the golf course into a classroom for life skills and future opportunity.

We have 2 golf programs dedicated to creating these opportunities:

MARTIN WEALTH MANAGEMENT | **RAYMOND JAMES®** **& Golf Manitoba Junior Program**

The *Martin Wealth Management Raymond James & Golf Manitoba Junior Program* is a 100% free golf program for any kid ages 5-11. The program includes 4 golf clinics run over 2 days in the season, typically 1-2 hours long each clinic that teaches kids the fundamentals of golf on the range and putting green. There are typically **60-80 kids** ages 5-11 that participate in the program.

- **FREE for ALL KIDS**, funded by donors & sponsors
- 4 Clinic Sessions (1-2 hours long), Over 2 days (TWICE a season)
- All equipment is provided
- Open to all kids ages 5-11 (public, local, etc.)

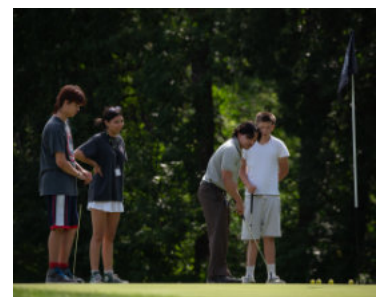


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The Boys and Girls Club Youth Program

In partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg, we created a dedicated 3 week program for Boys & Girls Club youths ages 12-18, typically **10-20 youths participate in the 3 week program**. The goal of the program is to give all kids a chance to golf and develop interpersonal skills and confidence through our program in a relaxed, tailored, and adaptive setting for Boys & Girls Club youths.

- **FREE for participants**, funded by donors & sponsors
- 3 week program
- 1 half-day session per week
- Range golf instruction by PGA of Manitoba Professionals
- Golf cart & green fee for playing on the course
- Dinner provided
- All equipment is provided



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2025 REPORT



In 2025, thanks to your support...

84 kids and youth learned how to golf for FREE.

In 2025, our golf programs funded the participation of 36 kids and youth from the Winnipeg Boys & Girls Clubs. The kids and youth, spanning ages of 5-18 from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg, participated in **5 sessions** last summer through a mix of our programs. Without our program, these kids and youth would not have the opportunity to take up the game of golf. Thank you to our generous funders and donors that made it possible for so many deserving young people to begin their golf journey.

In June 2025, we conducted 4 clinics over 2 Sunday afternoons for the *Martin Wealth Management Raymond James & Golf Manitoba Junior Program* for **62 kids aged 5 to 11**. Out of the 68 kids in the program, 52 of them were local kids from the community, and **10 kids under 12** joined us from **Winnipeg's Boys & Girls Clubs**.

For youth ages 12-18, Bridges ran 3 half-day golf camps dedicated to **20 youth from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg**, up by 6 from our total of 12 kids in 2024. The clinics ran for three consecutive Tuesdays in August. During each session, the group enjoyed a instruction and a lesson on the range and putting green from PGA of Manitoba golf professionals, then were able to go onto the course and play a couple of holes, and finally, have dinner created by our Executive Head Chef, Kyle Cooper, as a group at the end of the day.

2025 Key Statistics

- **82 kids and youth** in total were supported in 2025, **increasing by 3 kids** from 2024
- **62 kids** (ages 5-11) participated in the **Martin Wealth Management | Raymond James & Golf Manitoba Program**
- **30 Boys & Girls Club kids and youth** (Ages 5-18) were supported throughout our programs
- **20 youth** (ages 12-18) from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg were supported in the 2025 **Boys & Girls Club Program, increasing by 6 youth** from 2024
- **10 kids** ages 5-11 from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg were transported to Bridges by volunteers and participated in the **Martin Wealth Management | Raymond James & Golf Manitoba Program**

Our programs are funded by:

- The Support of the Mens and Ladies Golf Leagues at Bridges Golf Course
- Businesses that donate prizes for our annual Junior Golf Raffle
- Businesses that purchase advertising at Bridges Golf Course such as tee signs (a portion of advertising revenue goes towards our programs)
- Martin Wealth Management Raymond James
- Golf Manitoba

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Larry Robinson
PGA of Canada Class A
Head Professional
Director of Golf

I have been so lucky to be director of the youth golf programs at Bridges. The kids and I have shared countless laughs over the seasons, and the staff and I have formed coach-mentor bonds with many of the youngsters.

Over this past season, seeing the growth in many of these youngsters has been heart-warming. We have been running the Martin Wealth Management Raymond James & Golf Manitoba Junior Golf Academy for the past 15 years and the Boys & Girls Club Golf Program for 13 years now. I am so proud to see that 30 kids and youth from the Boys & Girls Club participated in our programs this year.

Through the years, I have seen many kids return and improve their golf skills and ability to participate in the group! I have seen the confidence drastically grow in the Boys and Girls Club members' youth who participated in our program. Kids develop long-lasting friendships and feel part of a healthy group and community.

Growing up in Thompson, I was a kid who would've greatly benefited from a program like this. I was lucky to have a neighbour that took me golfing with their family one day, and it became a life-changing moment that influenced my career. At that time, I could have never believed that I would be able to regularly play and practice golf, until a member of the community saw my love of golf and sponsored me as a member of the Thompson Golf Club. This act of kindness has stuck with me through the years, and has had a profound influence on my life. I have no idea where I would be if it wasn't for Mr. Fred Tresser who gave me the opportunity to golf. Now, I have the opportunity to pay it forward and give kids and youth the chance to golf, who may otherwise never would.

One of the most rewarding things to witness is to see a young person become an up-and-coming promising golfer who, without the program, would not have the chance to become interested in golf because of financial and social factors.

It makes it all worthwhile to see the excitement on many of the young people's faces when arriving at a golf course for the first time! The staff, volunteers, and I were taught many lessons ourselves, mostly of how very privileged we all are. Humility is hard to learn in life, but these inspiring children gave us that gift every time they came to Bridges!

With our utmost gratitude,

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Larry Robinson

Class A CPGA Head Golf Professional

Bridges Golf Course

MARTIN WEALTH MANAGEMENT RAYMOND JAMES® & GOLF MANITOBA JUNIOR PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM

The *Martin Wealth Management Raymond James & Golf Manitoba Junior Program* teaches the fundamentals of golf to **60-80** children ages 5 to 11, **completely for free and open to the public**. Every year, Bridges Golf Course runs 2 clinic sessions a day, twice a season for a total of 4 golf clinics. In 2025, the program ran for two Sundays in June. This year, due to the weather, we postponed our clinic dates and will reschedule for the sessions to be held in late summer. A preliminary mini 2 clinic session day in June was hosted for local kids in addition to our rescheduled dates to be held in August/September.

Kids from the community and their families come to Bridges to enjoy the introduction to the wonderful game of golf, completely free of charge for all.

Each year, we arrange for kids ages 5-11 from the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg** to be transported to Bridges Golf Course in order to participate in the *Martin Wealth Management Raymond James & Golf Manitoba Junior Program*, to ensure that kids from the Boys & Girls Clubs who are too young to join the Boys & Girls Club Youth Program still get a chance to golf. In 2025, we had **10 kids ages 5-11 from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg** join to learn golf for free.

4 CLINIC SESSIONS

60-80 KIDS AGES 5-11

10 FUNDED BGC KIDS

62 KIDS
participated in
2025

10 KIDS
from the BGC Clubs
of Winnipeg

OUR GOALS

Our mission for this program is to give any kid a free chance to try golf, without having to commit to a league, buy equipment, or a membership. Kids who get early exposure to golf can access other programs like the **First Tee program** that award youth a membership and equipment. We would like to continue to grow the program to include more funded kids in order to give the opportunity for every child to try golf.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB YOUTH PROGRAM



THE PROGRAM

2026 marks the **13th year** that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg have worked with Bridges Golf Course to give all kids a chance to play golf. In 2012, we created a tailored program in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg to create opportunities for Boys & Girls Club kids and youth to access the game of golf, break down financial barriers, and provide free equipment, instruction, experiences and mentorship to local kids and youth.

The program includes 3 weeks of **half-day clinics** with **10-20 youth per session** from 3 Winnipeg Boys & Girls Clubs that were fully funded by our generous donors and funders. Throughout the program, we instruct the youths on the fundamentals of the golf swing, teach them the etiquette of the sport, offer on-course instruction where the participants are able to play a few holes with their coach, and after golf, we have dinner together.

3 HALF-DAY CLINICS

20 YOUTH AGES 12-18

MEAL PROVIDED

FUNDING & GOALS

Through our partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg, we offer each youth a **dedicated coach** (one coach per 5 youth guaranteed), **private access** to the **golf course** and **range**, **equipment rental**, **cart rental**, refreshments throughout the day, and a meal for all. In addition to all these costs, the program makes a yearly donation of **\$1000** to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg to offset **staff** and **transportation costs** that the Boys & Girls Club incurs to facilitate this program in partnership with Bridges. To cover these costs and ensure that these kids get the best experience possible, we rely on the support of our generous sponsors.

Through the generosity of the sponsors, all that participated in the “Boys & Girls Club Golf Program Raffle” and Golf Manitoba, we were able to introduce our participants to the wonderful game of golf. A special thank you to our Mens and Ladies Leagues who purchased many of the raffle tickets and the wonderful grant from Golf Manitoba.

Due to such a high demand for the program, there is a line-up of kids and youth from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg who would like to participate. There is a confirmed 15 youth participating in 2026. Currently, our funding has enabled 3 of the 6 Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg to participate.

In 2027, we would like to get funding to be able to include all 6 of the Boys & Girls Club in Winnipeg, **doubling** the amount of kids and youth that can access this program.



PROGRAM TESTIMONIAL



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Larry Robinson
Bridges Golf Course

November 20, 2025

Dear Mr. Robinson

In the summer of 2025, our youth at BGC Winnipeg (formerly Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg) were happy to engage in another summer golf experience.

On behalf of the many young people BGC Winnipeg serves annually and the youth who benefitted from the Bridges golf experience in 2025, I would like to express the gratitude we have for you, the major sponsors and GOLF Manitoba for these continual opportunities.

About the BGC Winnipeg 2025 Experience

The BGC Winnipeg Golf Clinics and Camps-Bridges Golf Course

The BGC Winnipeg Golf Program was a great success again this past summer. Bridges was able to offer the Richardsons Wealth Jr. Jr. Golf academy for 2 sessions in June for over 10 children ages 6 to 11, as well as a summer camp for 20 youth for 2 weeks in the month of August. The youth were given the opportunity to be taught by PGA golf professionals as well as enjoy some delicious food prepared by the chefs. For many of these youth, this was their first experience with the sport of golf.

This year we were happy to have 15 youth returned for another year of golf. The youth have been looking forward to this program all year and kept reminding staff to not forget about Bridges Golf programs in the summer. Many of our members were surprised with their swings and skills and how much they enjoyed the sport; some have already continued to play golf in their leisure time!

Through the generosity of Bridges Golf Course, the youth had a wonderful time and learned many new skills. Please know that you made a difference in these young people's lives, creating opportunities that would not otherwise be possible.

We look forward to another year of golf at the Bridges Golf Course in 2026.

Sincerely,

Michelle Schmidt
Director of Programs
BGC Winnipeg

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WHERE YOUR CONTRIBUTION GOES TO

Your Contribution Goes Towards The Costs to Run the Program:

Our Costs that you help cover include:

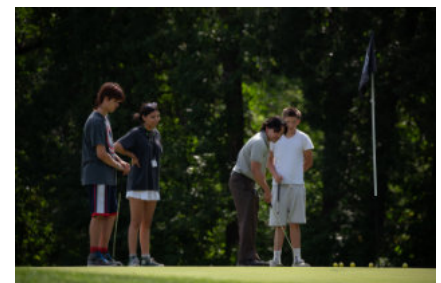
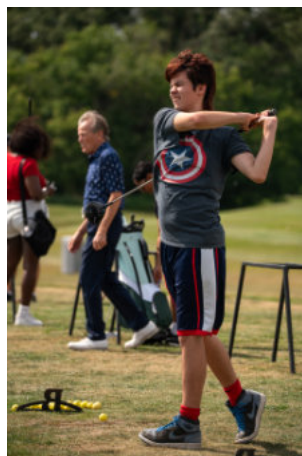
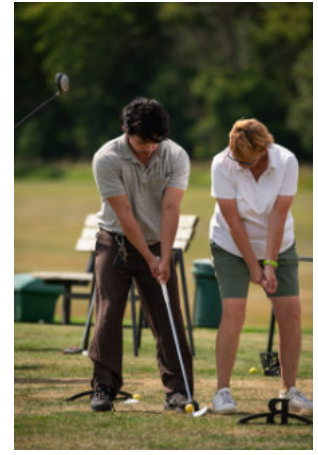
- A direct contribution to the Boys and Girls Clubs to cover the costs for transportation and fuel to bring the kids on a bus out to Bridges Golf Course
- A direct contribution to the Boys and Girls Club to cover the costs of staff while supervising the kids and youth at the program and during pick up and transport
- Meals, food and beverage costs to cover meals of the kids and volunteers while at the program
- Half Day Rates of Teaching Professional Traci Zonnefeld
- Half Day Rates of Teaching Professional Colton Piper (PGA Assistant)
- Half Day Wages for Pro Shop Assistants to Help with Kids on the Days of the Program (get the kids set up with equipment, help the kids on the golf course, monitor kids, get kids food and drinks, drive kids to different holes on the golf course, help with instruction)

What Costs Bridges Golf Course Covers:

- Administrative costs and running the program
- All Involvement of Larry Robinson (including running the program, sessional instruction, sponsor and donation marketing)
- Volunteer Organization
- Green Fees, Driving Range Fees, Cart Rental
- Equipment Rental (and largely thanks to our equipment sponsors)



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