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Van Buren Local Schools
C/O Eric Heitkamp, Golf Coach
217 South Main Street
Van Buren, Ohio 45889

Sycamore Springs & Van Buren Black Knight Golf Academy

At
Sycamore Springs Golf Club
Arlington, OH

Tuesday—Friday
June 4-7

OPEN CAMERA TO REGISTER



For young girls and boys who are going to be enrolled in grades K-8 at ANY local school

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Van Buren Black Knight & SSGC Golf Academy

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ACADEMY

The philosophy of the academy is to provide an atmosphere in which each student will improve his or her own golf game, while meeting other young golfers and having fun. By the end of the academy, each student will gain greater knowledge regarding each of these topics: etiquette, rules of golf, effective practice habits, putting, bunker play, full swing concepts, mental management and course management.

ACADEMY AGES

The academy is open to young boys and girls entering grades K-9 at any local schools.

ACADEMY FEES

The fees for the five-day session of the junior academy:
Grades K-3 = \$65
Grades 4-9 = \$85

2024 Golf Academy Registration Form

Student's Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address (Students) _____

Age as of June '23 _____ Grade as of Aug. '23 _____

Parent (s) or Guardian _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address (Parents) _____

Hat Size of Camper: Jr. Cap (ages 4-8) _____ Youth Cap (ages 9-14) _____

~~~~~ PARENT or GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I understand that Van Buren Local Schools, Sycamore Springs Golf Club, the academy and everyone connected with the staff assumes no responsibility for accidents, injury, medical or dental expenses incurred by my son or daughter during the Van Buren Black Knight Golf Academy. Each student is covered by a family accident insurance plan.

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ Date _____
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Enclose a check for the amount due, payable to *Van Buren Athletic Boosters*, no later than **MAY 24th** (this date allows us to order hats for those golfers attending the camp) along with this registration form. Registration can be done online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2023Jrgolfcamp>

Mail payment to:

Van Buren High School • Eric Heitkamp, Golf Coach • 217 South Main Street • Van Buren, OH 45889



**Eric Heitkamp**

**Head Golf Coach  
and Academy  
Director**

Eric Heitkamp is the Head Golf Coach at Van Buren High School and serves as Director of Instruction for the Van Buren Black Knight Golf Academy. Currently, he is a member of The Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association, and President of the State Golf Coaches Association. He was named Blanchard Valley Golf Coach of the Year in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009-2018, 2022, and 2023. Heitkamp is a 1994 graduate of Van Buren High School. He was a three time BVC First Team Selection, as well as Second Team All Northwest Ohio his senior season. He was a member of 4 state qualifying teams, and has guided the 2003, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2022 Black Knight Golf Teams to top 10 finishes in each appearances at the State Golf Tournament. Including 2nd place in 2016.

### PERSONALIZED INSTRUCTION

The student staff ratio will be one that ensures that each student will receive individualized attention that will be tailored to his or her specific needs. Students will be grouped by age and skill level. Each group will have the opportunity to work with different coaches and players each day.

The Van Buren Black Knight Golf Program has a tradition of being one of the premier Division III programs in Ohio. Some highlights of the program include:

- 28 Conference Championships
- 26 State Appearances
- 2 State Titles (1984 and 1990)

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### THE COACHING STAFF

The Van Buren Black Knight Academy staff will consist of the instructors listed below.

\* The Academy Instructional Staff is subject to change.

**Addison Carter** —Black Knight Assistant Golf Coach  
**Richie Van Hoose**—Black Knight Assistant Golf Coach

### THE PLAYERS:

## **The 2024 Black Knight Golf Team**

Isaac Dyer, Sr., Tanner Bahn, Jr., Ansh Patel, Jr., Zander Wannamacher, Sr., Nigel Woodall, Sr. , Luke Casselman, Sr., Drew Carr, Sr., Ben Chambers, Sr. Cole Bishop, Jr., Ben Heitkamp, Jr, Brandon Russell, Jr., Jake Schroeder, So., Nickolas Reinhart , So. Peyton Beilharz, So. , Ian Wilhem, So.

Follow our golf team on social media @blackknightgolf



### TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

**Grades K - 3 (entering 3rd grade in fall)**  
**Monday—Thursday: 11:00 am—12:00 pm**

**Grades 4 - 9**  
**Monday—Thursday: 1:00 pm — 3:00 pm**

\*Rain Date will be scheduled as seen fit by the staff and availability of Sycamore Springs Golf Course.

### DRESS CODE

A dress code is strictly enforced. Proper golf attire must be worn at all times. Denim, swim wear, short shorts, cut-offs, tank tops, T-shirts, mesh shirts, and other dress of similar nature is not appropriate. Recommended short length is mid-thigh. Shirts with sleeves and collars are requested at all times. Metal spiked shoes are not permitted on the premises.

### ABOUT THE FACILITIES



## About the Course ...

The Van Buren Golf Team is fortunate to have one of Northwest Ohio's finest golf courses in Sycamore Springs Golf Club which was designed by Scotty Wilson, the Sycamore Springs golf course opened in 1958 as a nine hole course. With the help of our officers and members, we expanded to 18 holes in 1994. The 18-hole Sycamore Springs Golf Course located just south of Findlay, Ohio in Arlington features 6,670 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. The course rating is 71.4 and it has a slope rating of 121 on Blue grass. The par 72 course offers 4 sets of tees that accommodate all levels of player. Our practice facilities include a full driving range, chipping green with practice bunkers, and putting greens that are available for use



### PRIVATE INSTRUCTION AT SYCAMORE SPRINGS

To learn about private instruction Contact Coach Heitkamp at (419) 957-1533 or Greg Lee at (419) 365-5109

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **Does my Golfer Need His or Her Own Golf Clubs:**

Yes, we recommend that each kid has his or her own golf clubs to use. (the most frequently used golf clubs include a Driver, a mid iron, a chipping iron and a putter) We do have clubs available to any golfer that cannot provide their own.

#### **Does my Golfer Need to Wear Golf Shoes:**

No, any athletic shoe works fine, please however do not send them in baseball or soccer cleats.

#### **My Son or Daughter is a Beginner, is this camp for them?**

Yes, The Black Knight Junior Golf Academy is appropriate for junior golfers of all ability levels. Experienced golfers will learn about practice habits, course management, and will fine-tune their techniques. Less experienced golfers will learn more about the fundamentals.

#### **If I enroll my child in the camp, are they required to attend every day during the week?**

No, we understand how busy all of our kids at Van Buren are. If your son or daughter is unable to attend for any reason, please let Coach Heitkamp know as soon as possible.

#### **How much money does my camper need to bring?**

The cost of the camp is all-inclusive. Your tuition payment covers your golf, range fees, and hat. You should bring some spending money as we will allow time for breaks where snacks and beverages can be purchased in the clubhouse.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to direct them to Coach Eric Heitkamp by e-mailing them to:

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### SUMMER GOLF CLINICS AT SYCAMORE SPRINGS

Sycamore Springs and Van Buren will be working together to create one of the best junior golf experiences for your golfer this summer. We hope you will consider enrolling your child for a week full of fun and learning.

For more information about Sycamore Springs, please feel free to contact Greg Lee at Sycamore Springs Golf Club (419) 365-5109