



TGA Golf-A-Thon for Roots & Wings Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Why are you doing a Golf-A-Thon?

A: Each year, over 800 youth age out of the child welfare system in New Jersey. All too often, these young people:

- Become **homeless and unemployed**
- **Have no high school diploma or GED**
- Become **dependent on welfare** and other social services
- Suffer from **mental health problems**
- Become **involved in crime** or become victims of crime
- Have **unplanned children**

Roots & Wings, a New Jersey-based non-profit organization that provides safe housing and consistent support to young people who have aged out of the child welfare system, is working to change the future for these disadvantaged young adults. We at **TGA** have created a unique event to help raise funds for Roots & Wings while bringing the community together for a fun, active day outside.

In addition, 50 cents from each \$10 hole will go to the **TGA Foundation**, a 501(c)(3) **dedicated to providing disadvantaged children ages 5-18 with opportunities to learn golf** and the life values that accompany it through educational programs at schools, youth centers and golf courses. **Two great causes, one super-fun day!**

Q: What is this Golf-A-Thon?

A: Our Golf-A-Thon is simply 40 golfers playing 100 holes of golf in one day for charity. The goal is to raise as many pledges as possible for each hole that the golfer plays. For example, if the golfer and his/her team raise pledges to raise a total of \$5 per hole, that team will raise \$500. Our goal is for each team to raise \$10 a hole. If we can get 40 golfers to do this: wow.

Q: How can you golf 100 holes in one day?

A: Though golfing 100 holes is a challenge, it can and has been done many times by middle-aged out-of-shape golfers. Each golfer will be given a pull cart, a bunch of balls, and plenty of nourishment before being sent on his or her way. We close down the golf course and spread up to 40 golfers across the course. So no waiting around, no looking for lost balls, and gimmies are generous. Most golfers will average 1 hour per 18 holes during the day of the event.

Q: I'm a serious competitor. Is the event just for having fun?

A: So you thought this wasn't a serious event, huh? While the event is designed for everyone to have a great time, we do give out awards for Overall Low Score, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt, Best Fundraiser and much more!

Q: I'm not sure I can seriously golf 100 holes. What happens if I can't?

A: The Golf-A-Thon is not designed to be an extreme endurance event. There is a good deal of walking for

most of the day, but many participants find the event more fun than anywhere close to exhausting. Though we would love for you to complete 100 holes for your own accomplishment, feel free to partner up with someone to complete 50 holes each. You take the morning and your partner, the afternoon.

Q: I'm not sure I want to participate by myself. How can I find a team?

A: Easy! You can either recruit some of your own friends or family to become official Golf-A-Thon participants or join a team on the day of the event. The social aspect of a Golf-A-Thon is what takes the event from "enjoyable" to "unforgettable."

Q: I have absolutely zero golf-related talent or interest. How can I participate?

A: A Golf-A-Thon is a different flavor of experience than you would find at Augusta. It is a fast paced, fun-filled event that is more about enjoying friends and raising support for Roots & Wings than it is about showing off your golf skills. If that sounds appealing to you, then contact us for volunteer opportunities that are needed throughout the day of the event.

Q: I'm worried about raising money. Will I get help?

A: Yes, you will get tons of help. We will provide you with a packet of information, which will include pre-printed letters and strategies for the Sponsorship Team to raise money. You'll be able to create a personalized fundraising webpage, too! You will be surprised how many people will agree to give a quarter per hole for the cause. Find a few of those and you just raised a ton of money for your cause. We definitely encourage you to try and raise the funds to be a golfer or a sponsorship team member, and with the fantastic resources we will provide you, you shouldn't have trouble. However, if you would like to get involved in another way, there are opportunities as caddies and general volunteers.

Q: How can I get my friends who can't participate as golfers to still experience the fun of the Golf-A-Thon?

A: Our goal is for each golfer to be surrounded by a Sponsorship and Motivating Team. This team, which can consist of friends and/or family members, will be responsible for raising the funds with the golfer and, of course, motivating the golfer to complete 100 holes. We want each team to take pride in their golfer and form strategies to raise the most money possible with him or her. We want some friendly competition between teams, and the team that raises the most money will be awarded and recognized throughout the year. In addition, we want every member of the Sponsorship and Motivating Team to have fun by attending the Golf-A-Thon to cheer for their golfer, and celebrating at the Awards Ceremony.

Q: Just to be clear, what is expected from every golfer?

A: Each golfer is expected to play 100 holes of golf on September 11, 2011. In addition, they are also asked to participate with their Sponsorship and Motivating Team to raise funds for Roots & Wings. Please note, we are not asking the golfers to raise \$500 themselves!!

**Our special thanks to each and every person who participates
in any way in this event!**