

2024 Frequently Asked Questions

How do I become a Barton Hills Caddie?

You must apply to become a caddie on the Barton Hills website and be invited to attend a minimum number of spring training sessions. Following the completion of caddie training, you must also pass a written caddie exam.

Do I need to know how to play golf to become a caddie?

You do not, although a basic understanding of the game of golf is helpful.

When are 2024 Training Sessions held?

Caddie training dates are listed below. Please assess these dates to ensure that you are available to be assigned to either Group 1 or Group 2 before applying to become a caddie.

Caddies must complete a minimum of (6) 1-hour training sessions conducted in the spring.

Group 1

Thursday, April 4 – 4:30-5:30pm Orientation (Parents welcome)

Thursday, April 11 – 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday, April 16 – 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday, April 23 – 4:30-5:30pm

Thursday, April 25 – 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday, April 30 – 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday, May 7 – 4:30-5:30pm (Make-up date, if needed)

Group 2

Friday, April 5 – 4:30-5:30pm Orientation (Parents welcome)

Friday, April 12 – 4:30-5:30pm

Friday, April 19 – 4:30-5:30pm

Wednesday, April 24 – 4:30-5:30pm

Friday, April 26 – 4:30-5:30pm

Friday, May 3 – 4:30-5:30pm

Friday, May 10 – 4:30-5:30pm (Make-up date, if needed)

Will everyone who attends caddie training become a caddie?

Online registration will open on February 15th and will close on April 1st, 2024. All caddies must attend at least six (6) 1-hour training dates, pass the written caddie exam and be deemed proficient on the golf course in order to be added to the 2024 active caddie roster.

When does caddying begin?

In the Midwest, peak golf season typically runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day with caddie opportunities ranging from early May to the end of October (weather dependent).

Caddie opportunities will be available on select Thursday evenings (Men's League) and on the weekends during the school year. Caddie opportunities are available Tuesday through Sunday in

the summer months. Barton Hills Country Club will be closed on Mondays.

Are all caddies the same rank?

At Barton Hills Country Club two caddie ranks, or levels of experience.

The ranks include **Championship Level** and **Captain Level**.

Caddies may be promoted to the next rank based on attitude, ability, prompt attendance, course knowledge, number of rounds completed, years of experience and member feedback as determined by the Caddie Manager. The higher the rank, the more each caddie will be compensated.

How will caddies be compensated?

Each caddie is paid by the round by the member or guests for which they caddie. Caddies will be paid directly with cash, Venmo (via ClubUp app), or a member-chit voucher which is will be consolidated and paid once a week by check.

Are there perks available to caddies?

Yes. Besides the pay per loop, caddies may play golf on Mondays after 2:00pm when the club does not host an outing. We also celebrate our caddies on Caddie Appreciation Day with a Caddie Tournament and Awards Banquet prior to school starting.

What is the age requirement to become a caddie?

You must be 14 years or older to caddie. If you are turning 13 during the season, you may sign up to train, but must wait until your 14th birthday to officially caddie. Proof of age will be required.

The Caddie Uniform

The Barton Hills Country Club Caddie uniform consists of khaki pants/shorts/skorts, a caddie bib, a plain white collared golf polo, BHCC caddie hat, neutral-colored shoes and a caddie name badge. A sweatshirt or jacket may be worn in cooler conditions.

Evans Scholars Foundation

The Evans Scholarship was founded by Charles "Chick" Evans, Jr. (1890-1979). The Western Golf Association sponsored Evans Scholars Foundation administers the nation's largest privately funded college scholarship program, providing full tuition and housing grants to caddies. Since the first two Scholars enrolled at Northwestern University in 1930, over 8,500 caddies have earned their degrees through the program. Tuition and housing grants are renewable for up to four years, representing an average value of \$80,000 over four years. The Foundation owns and maintains Evans Scholarship Houses at twenty-four universities, including the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. While the program is national in scope, its focus is primarily on the Midwest.

