



TUTUNJIAN ANNOUNCES EFFORT TO “HOOK A KID ON GOLF”

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(Troy – April 2, 2010) Mayor Harry Tutunjian announced that Troy’s Frear Park Golf Course will be the site of an effort to get kids involved in a sport that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to learn or play. “Hook A Kid On Golf” is a week-long clinic that will be held at Frear Park Golf Course in Troy beginning July 12th for six consecutive weeks. Interested supporters can sponsor a child for \$135.

“An old adage says ‘golf is a good walk spoiled’, which may be true. It’s also a game that teaches patience, focus, and concentration; things that are good for kids to learn,” said Mayor Tutunjian. “We are proud to bring ‘Hook A Kid On Golf’ to historic Frear Park Golf Course and urge Troy’s kids to take a shot and learn the game from community leaders this summer.”

“It’s more than just hitting a golf ball,” said Frank Ciarlo, Board Chair of Troy’s Hook A Kid On Golf. “It’s about connecting the kids to the community and the community to the kids. After all, it’s these kids that will be leaders in the community in the years to come. Charities will rely on them and golf can teach life skills.”

“I am very excited to see the Hook A Kid On Golf program being hosted in Troy. I anticipate a fantastic summer and many more years of success, positively impacting the youth in this great community,” said Caitlin Autwell, National Hook A Kid On Golf Program Director.

The kids, ranging in age from 8-15, will tee it up in the Hook A Kid On Golf Introductory Tee Level Clinic. It is one of more than 150 clinics that will take place nationwide this summer. The Tee Level Clinic is part of Hook A Kid On Golf’s ongoing effort to get children involved in the game that typically are denied because of cost, lack of course availability, and other obstacles.

The clinic will feature instruction on driving, irons, chipping and putting. There will also be special presentations on golf course maintenance; rules and etiquette of the game; alcohol and drug awareness; and a special golf outing will conclude the clinic at the end of the week in which the youngsters will tee it up for their first round on a course.

Tutunjian also announced the Collar City will hold the “Mayor’s Cup Charity Classic” to benefit this new summer program. The money raised through this tournament will go towards scholarships for kids who want to participate in the Hook A Kid On Golf program.

This year the “Mayor’s Cup Charity Classic” will be held June 25th beginning at 11:30 AM. The cost will be \$400 per team or \$100 per individual.

For more information on how to register your child for Troy’s Hook A Kid On Golf please call 270-4553 or download a brochure on www.capitalareagolf.com or the city’s website at www.troyny.gov.

