

# Camp Safety

Each Bel Acres Golf Academy Instructor is committed to making “SAFETY FIRST” a priority when it comes to delivering an exceptional camp program. The facility and instruction areas will be prepared in advance to make sure that a safe learning environment exists. All staff who will interact with campers will be trained on safety best practices and on what to do in the event of an emergency. The teaching staff will also continuously remind campers of safety practices and the role they play for the enjoyment of an exceptional camp experience for all. Anyone who intentionally violates safety rules will be immediately removed from camp activity.

## **At the Practice Facility**

Designated “safety areas” at least 6 feet apart will be created for campers. Campers will be educated on the importance of remaining in these designated areas unless told otherwise.

- Only one camper at a time in the “safety zone.”
- When exiting the “safety zone,” campers will walk directly back, past the safety line before moving left or right.
- Campers will be Instructed to NEVER walk into someone else’s “safety zone.”
- Campers are NEVER allowed to swing a club outside of the “safety zone” or to move outside the zone to retrieve practice balls or tees.
- Campers will keep bag and clubs outside of the “safety zone.”
- When an instructor is speaking, campers must either lay their club completely on the ground or hold the club in “cane” position.
- Campers must never swing a club toward anyone.
- When the instructor tells everyone to stop hitting, campers must obey.

## **On the Golf Course**

- Bags or pull carts must never be placed on the tee box between markers or on the putting surface.
- Campers must wait for the group in front of them until they move forward to a safe distance of at least 6 feet away prior to hitting.
- Campers are never allowed to stand behind a person who is in address position or appears ready to hit.
- Practice swings are only allowed on the tee box and between the tee markers.
- Campers must yell, “FORE” if the ball they just hit is moving in the direction towards a person or group of people.
- Campers will be taught how to react when they hear the word, “FORE!” Instruct them to quickly clasp their hands together, cover their head and drop down low to the ground. Campers will be instructed to NEVER look up to try to see the ball. It could hit them in the face.
- If there is a threat of lightning in the area, campers will not hide under tall trees, or stand in open fields. Quickly and safely, instructors will start bringing everyone back to the clubhouse or designated safety area. An action plan will be created in advance for specific safety procedures and how to transport children in from the golf course.

- Campers will be instructed to be careful of wildlife, insects, and plant life on the golf course and to obey all warning signs.
- Campers will be encouraged that if they are not sure about a situation on the golf course or practice facility or are unclear about the safety rules, to ask an instructor or facility co-worker for advice or council.
- Instructors and staff will always have parent/guardian phone numbers handy, and notify parent/guardian in the event of an emergency that involves their child.

With these important safety measures in mind, we look forward to seeing your child at camp. If we can answer any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact Nathan Liewicki at [nathan@belacres.com](mailto:nathan@belacres.com) or 204-632-8337 Ext. 1.

Stay safe and thank you for your support.