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Jamarrion (from left) Za'Nayih and Day'anna get some tips about golf by participating in a junior golf program sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation at the Colwood Golf Center on Northeast Columbia Boulevard. Kids can play golf for free on Mondays this summer at Colwood and the Eastmoreland Golf Course. Tee times are available on a walk-up basis.

Kids Tee Up for Golf

Play is free on Mondays at two public courses

Mondays are free golf days for junior golfers up to the age of 17 at Portland's Colwood Golf Center in northeast Portland and the Eastmoreland Golf Course in southeast.

Junior golfers can play for free from sunrise until 3 p.m. on Mondays at both city-owned courses until school begins again this fall thanks to the program sponsored by Portland Parks & Recreation.

Kids ages nine and under must be accompanied by an adult when they play.

The revitalized Colwood Golf Center is located in northeast Portland's Cully neighborhood and managed by Kemper Sports. In recent years the property has received notable improvements and been transformed into a haven for both junior and beginner golfers, featuring a 9-hole, par 3 course layout and premier driving range.

The historic Eastmoreland Golf Course features an 18-hole course layout. The course offers a wide variety of junior golf lessons, as well free use of the

driving range for kids up to the age of 17, every morning.

"We want junior golfers who are both experienced and brand-new to the game to enjoy Portland Public Golf facilities even more this summer," says John Zoller, Portland Parks & Recreation Director of Golf. "Golf is a fun, lifelong game and we are delighted to welcome the next generation of golfers for free, all summer long."

No reservations are needed nor taken for Free Golf Mondays. Tee times are

offered on a walk-up basis every Monday from opening until 3 p.m. based on availability.

Officials with Portland Public Golf have noted fewer kids playing golf in recent years and hope to reverse that trend by engaging and encourage the next generation of golfers and to foster greater diversity in, and access to, the game.

For more information on the program, contact Colwood Golf Center at 503-254-5515 or Eastmoreland Golf Course at 503-775-2900.