



**Pin Pals Junior Links™**

*"...getting kids swinging in the right direction"*

## At A Glance...

**Mission:** The mission is to provide a leadership and mentoring role to the lives of underserved youth by providing golf facilities and programs that instill self esteem, confidence, leadership, and character and to motivate them to set goals in completing their education through golf.

**President/Founder:** Created in 2006 by Tony Perez

**Participant Enrollment:** Middle and high schools at no cost to the schools or parents

**Ages:** 11 to 17 years of age

**Instructions:** Exclusively by PGA certified teaching instructors at Balboa Park, National City, Chula Vista, and Riverwalk Golf courses

**Volunteers:** Teachers, parents, and the American Golf Foundation Ambassadors

### Programs

**Schools to Links:** Free after school program consist of five six-week sessions per year and designed to offer youth at the middle school level an alternative after-school golf recreational activity. Approximately 10-15 youth selected by their teachers from surrounding schools will be transported to one of three golf courses in the South Bay and Central San Diego County for instruction to learn golf fundamentals, life skills, etiquette, on-course play, the rules of golf, and the mental aspects of the game. Their academic wellness is monitored by their teachers on a weekly basis as only those with satisfactory behavior and grades will be allowed to participate. Golf equipment and PGA/LPGA teachers are provided while attending this **free** after school program. At the end of each 6-week session, a "Fun Day" is held whereby all participating schools converge at one of our golf courses and apply what they have learned by participating in a mini 4-hole scramble type tournament with teams made up of two students and two teachers per team and grouped with students from other than their own school. Kids will apply the life skills, rules of play, and etiquette they have learned in addition to golf skills. A barbeque and an awards ceremony will follow right after play and all students receive their Certificate of Accomplishment and membership card.

**Teachers Too:** Middle School teachers enrolled in "Schools to Links" learn along side their students

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