

# PAR FORE TIMES

## PAR FORE Goes Pro!

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Finally! PAR FORE has moved from the driving range to the course! In late April, youth experienced their first round of golf this season at Brentwood Country Club in Brentwood, NY.

To begin the day, each youth received a copy of the USGA Rules of Golf Handbook, and were reminded of basic rules of the game. Participants were paired with their mentors, and teed off onto the course. The sun was shining, and everyone had a great time!

As the summer session approaches, PAR FORE has continued to provide new and fun activities for the youth to take part in; including a television appearance! That's right, television! With the US Open occurring right here in Long Island, The USGA chose the PAR FORE program to spotlight during the week's events. On Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6 NBC Sports sent a film crew to capture the essence of what is PAR FORE. On Friday, youth were scheduled to golf at Brentwood Country Club, however rain prevented them from doing so. Alex Lopez and Kyle Hewson quickly jumped to

"Plan B", and relocated the days events to the driving range, where youth received golf instructions and hit a few balls!

On Saturday, the weather cleared, and the day went as planned. With the great success of PAR FORE's first visit to The Arbors at Hauppauge Assisted Living Facility, youth returned with film crew on hand to capture the day. A 9 hole mini golf course and chipping stations were set-up in the yard, with a live entertainer, food, and fun! Youth were able to use their newly acquired skills to encourage and assist the residents through the mini-golf course, and simply interact with each other. Later in the day, the program relocated to Brentwood Country Club, where mentors and youth headed out onto the course.

On Sunday, June 14, PAR FORE members were invited to the

USGA's US Open "Junior Golf Day" at Bethpage State Park—Black Course. Throughout the day, youth were able to watch professionals at the driving range, tour the 18th hole, take pictures with the US Open trophy, and practice their putting on the green. Each member was given a hat, which later in the day were filled with autographs!

PAR FORE is excited to begin the 2009 summer session, and continues to encourage the 7 core values within the youth: perseverance, accountability, respect, fellowship, opportunity, resilience, and empowerment. Stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks as youth continue both on the golf course and at the driving range.



**PAR FORE member Kayshawn James stands with his new set of golf clubs!**



**The yard at The Arbors at Hauppauge on June 6th.**



**PAR FORE members attend Junior Golf Day at the 109th US Open.**

## Thank You to Our Pros!!!!

Rich Jones began with the PAR FORE program in the summer of 2007. Rich provides golf lessons to the youth both at Heartland Golf Park and Brentwood Country Club. Outside of PAR FORE, Rich is a certified coach for First Tee and is the First Tee Coordinator for Suffolk Country as well as the Golf in Schools Coordinator. He has been a professional

since 1996, and is currently the Director of the Golf Academy in Port St. Lucie, FL. PAR FORE sincerely thanks Rich Jones for his continued dedication and support for the youth and the program.

Doug Jansen has been the Head Golf Pro at Brentwood Country Club for 2 seasons now. Prior to this he was the pro at Gull Haven Golf Course for 13

years. In 2002, Doug received the regional fitter of the year award from PING Golf Manufacturing. Doug began with the PAR FORE program in December of 2007, and has become a vital part ever since. Doug provides lessons to the youth both on the golf course and at the driving range. Thank you Doug for your time, effort, and dedication to PAR FORE.