

Caddie Program Information

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Cantigny Golf Caddie Program. Our veteran caddies have until early January to accept their invitations for the next season. At that time the number of new caddies required will be established and selections made. New caddies will be notified **in late February/early March of their selection into the caddie program.**

I would like to share some basic information about the Cantigny Caddie Program as you consider the application:

- All caddies must be at least thirteen (13) years of age but 14 is highly preferred.
- Relative to younger applicants, parents are asked to be pragmatic with respect to physical size and mental acuity. “Looping” can be stressful. If you have any questions around this subject then please contact the caddie superintendent. Our success rate with 13-year-olds is not absolute.
- A basic understanding of golf is advantageous.
- Caddies are considered independent contractors and NOT employees of Cantigny Golf.
- Almost all the caddie rounds or “loops” are arranged by **appointment** through the Reservations staff.
- Requests for caddies are by email and text. It is essential that you monitor your accounts daily.
- The reservation and appointment system will remain the primary avenue for loops, but we also operate a small caddie shack to fill same-day requests and late call-in requests for caddies. The caddie shack is not required duty. However, this is a growing facet of the program and a terrific way for caddies to be noticed.
- Caddies who rate “excellent” on their guest evaluations will usually earn \$40-\$60 on average including the gratuity.
- A round of golf at Cantigny should take 4.5 hours and caddies are required to be on site and ready to work at least 30 minutes before tee time. They will need 15 minutes at the end to complete their duties. It is best to plan on a 5 hour-plus commitment and adverse weather can easily affect this timeline. Caddies are encouraged/expected to remain available for reasonable periods of time during adverse weather delays.
- We average about 1600 loops per year.
- Weekends produce the most caddie requests. Over 80% of loops are conducted between Friday noon and Sunday afternoon.
- Mondays through Thursdays are often tied up with golf outings.
- The heart of our season is between Memorial Day and Labor Day and caddie activity will peak in mid-June and remain steady through mid-September.
- **Fall weekends, September and October, can be busy and quite lucrative for caddies.**
- It is impossible to predict how many loops a caddie may complete in a season but more availability by the caddie will produce more opportunities.
- **If you have extensive time commitments during the summer (sports, camps, vacations, summer homes, etc.) then a realistic evaluation of the caddie option is encouraged. We expect rookie caddies to accept at least 15 loops during their rookie summer.**
- Cantigny will keep a caddie pool of approximately 100.
- We conduct training in late April and early May and these training sessions are **mandatory**. High School spring sport athletes may be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

This information should allow you to comprehend the commitment required of a Cantigny Caddie and the potential reward.

Always think golf!

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