# **2025 Frequently Asked Questions**

## How do I become a Barton Hills Caddie?

You must apply to become a caddie (<u>CLICK HERE TO APPLY</u>) on the Barton Hills website and be invited to attend a minimum number of spring training sessions. Following the completion of caddie training, you must also pass a written caddie exam.

### Do I need to know how to play golf to become a caddie?

You do not, although a basic understanding of the game of golf is helpful.

#### When are 2025 Training Sessions held?

Caddie training dates are listed below. <u>Please assess these dates to ensure that you are available</u> to attend 1 of 2 Caddie Orientation days and 2 of 4 On Course Training days.

#### **Caddie Orientation Days (Parents welcome)**

Tuesday, April 1 – 4:30-6:30pm Friday, April 4 – 4:30-6:30pm

## **Caddie On Course Training Days**

Tuesday, April 8 – 4:30-6:30pm Front 9 Friday, April 11 – 4:30-6:30pm Back 9 Tuesday, April 15 – 4:30-6:30pm Front 9 Friday, April 18 – 4:30-6:30pm Back 9

#### Will everyone who attends caddie training become a caddie?

Online registration will open on February 1<sup>st</sup> and will close on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All caddies must attend the required amount of orientation and on course training days as well as, pass the written caddie exam and be deemed proficient on the golf course in order to be added to the 2025 active caddie roster.

#### When does caddying begin?

In the Midwest, peak golf season typically runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day with caddie opportunities ranging from early May to the end of October (weather dependent).

Caddie opportunities will be available on select Thursday evenings (Men's League) and on the weekends during the school year. Caddie opportunities are available Tuesday through Sunday in the summer months. Barton Hills Country Club will be closed on Mondays.

#### Are all caddies the same rank?

At Barton Hills Country Club two caddie ranks, or levels of experience.

The ranks include Championship Level and Captain Level.

Caddies may be promoted to the next rank based on attitude, ability, prompt attendance, course knowledge, number of rounds completed, years of experience and member feedback as

determined by the Caddie Manager. The higher the rank, the more each caddie will be compensated.

# How will caddies be assigned loops?

Caddie loops are assigned via ClupUp app which must be downloaded. Please put your availability at least 1 week in advance. Order of how Caddie Master assigns loops is listed below:

- 1. Member Requests
- 2. Member desired caddie rank
- 3. Consistency of filling out available/non available days to work 1 week in advance
- 4. Number of rounds completed for season
- 5. Positive attitude, prompt attendance, strong work ethic
- 6. Years of experience, golf and course knowledge

## How will caddies be compensated?

Each caddie is paid by the round by the member or guests for which they caddie. Caddies will be paid directly with cash, Venmo (via ClubUp app), or a member-chit voucher which will be consolidated and paid once a week by check (usually Tuesdays).

# Are there perks available to caddies?

Yes. Besides the pay per loop, caddies may play golf on Mondays after 2:00pm when the club does not host an outing. We also celebrate our caddies on Caddie Appreciation Day on Monday August, 18<sup>th</sup> with a Caddie Tournament and Awards Banquet prior to school starting.

## What is the age requirement to become a caddie?

You must be 14 years or older to caddie. If you are turning 14 during the season, you may sign up to train, but must wait until your 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to officially caddie. Proof of age will be required.

## The Caddie Uniform

The Barton Hills Country Club Caddie uniform consists of khaki pants/shorts/skorts, a caddie bib, a plain white collared golf polo, BHCC caddie hat, neutral-colored shoes, and a caddie name badge. A neutral-colored sweatshirt or jacket may be worn in cooler conditions.

Caddie Bibs (\$45) must be purchased in the golf shop via cash or check.

BHCC White Golf Polo (\$25) optional to purchase in the golf shop. If you choose to not purchase a BHCC white golf polo, you are still required to wear a white non logoed golf polo.

BHCC caddie hat (1<sup>st</sup> one FREE)

# **Evans Scholars Foundation**

The Evans Scholarship was founded by Charles "Chick" Evans, Jr. (1890-1979). The Western

Golf Association sponsored Evans Scholars Foundation administers the nation's largest privately funded college scholarship program, providing full tuition and housing grants to caddies. Since the first two Scholars enrolled at Northwestern University in 1930, over 8,500 caddies have earned their degrees through the program. Tuition and housing grants are renewable for up to four years, representing an average value of \$80,000 over four years. The



Foundation owns and maintains Evans Scholarship Houses at twenty-four universities, including the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. While the program is national in scope, its focus is primarily on the Midwest.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to the Caddie Master directly.

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