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Folds of Honor hosted by Bob Estes AJGA Tournament

ABILENE, TX – The American Junior Golf Association is pleased to announce the continuation of the Folds of Honor Junior Championship hosted by Bob Estes. Abilene Country Club will again host the 54-hole national junior golf tournament, July 16 – 19 when 132 boys and girls from across the country and around the world will compete for the title.

The Folds of Honor Junior Championship hosted by Bob Estes has been hosted annually in Abilene since 1981. Over the 37 years the AJGA has been in Abilene some well-known players have taken home the trophy, including Phil Mickelson, Scott Verplank, Kelli Kuehne and Emilee Klein.

This is the second year Folds of Honor has joined the tournament as the title sponsor. Since 2007, the Folds of Honor has carried forth a mission to provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service-members. Bob Estes will continue his longtime support of the event as well. He has been involved with the tournament since 2010.

This year's tournament field features several players who are high in the AJGA Rankings. Jennie Park of Carrollton, Texas, is the highest ranked girl in the field at No. 38. The top-ranked boy in the tournament field is Jun Min (Jimmy) Lee, who is currently No. 46 in the AJGA Rankings. Lee is from Mission, Texas.

The tournament will begin Sunday, July 15, with a qualifier for the tournament. Eighty- eight players will attempt to qualify their way into the tournament. On Monday, July 16, The Dyess AFB Honor Guard will present the Colors and a 21-gun salute at 7:45 a.m., and then a Junior-Am Fundraising Tournament and a practice round will begin.

During the Transamerica Junior-Am Fundraising Tournament amateurs will have the opportunity to play alongside the future stars of the game.

First-round play will begin Tuesday, July 17, with first- and second-round tee times running from 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees for the first wave and Noon-1:50 p.m. off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees for the second wave. Final-round tee times will be from 7:30-9:30 a.m. off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees. The awards ceremony will take place at approximately 2 p.m. on July 19, after final-round play. The public is welcome to attend all days at no cost to see some of the best up and coming golfers in the world.

The Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau expect 350 people to stay in Abilene for the tournament, in addition to generating over \$164,000 in economic impact into the community. “This annual event is possible due to community support and the generosity of the Abilene Country Club,” Debi Schultz, with the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau stated.

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