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American Junior Golf Association to host event in Lake County

[**Crown Point, IN**] Besides the usual family picnics, fireworks and Independence Day Parades, Northwest Indiana golfers might have the opportunity to play a round of golf with the next Tiger Woods this 4th of July. The organization in which Woods got his start, the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA), has agreed to hold a prestigious Junior Open tournament at White Hawk Country Club during the week of July 4-8, 2005 in Crown Point.

Indiana's Chicago Junior Open will host 84 of the best junior golfers in the United States on a golf course that has been named one of the toughest courses in the state of Indiana. In addition to the Junior Open tournament, which is only open to members of the AJGA, a Junior-AM tournament will be conducted with local amateur players for a nominal fee on July 5th, 2005 as a fundraiser for junior golf scholarship programs. All skill levels and ages are welcome to participate in the Junior-Am tournament.

Besides Tiger Woods, prominent alumni of the AJGA tour include professional golfers, Phil Mickelson, Beth Bauer and the winner of the 2003 FUTURES Golf Classic at Innsbrook Country Club, Reilly Rankin. A fact sheet about the AJGA and the organizations' alumni is attached for review and additional information can be found at www.ajga.org.

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