

# SOCIAL STORY

## **Independent Family Visit to Valley Oaks Golf Course**



We are going to Valley Oaks Golf Course  
in the city of Visalia, California.



Valley Oaks Golf Course is a  
Certified Autism Center.



It also recognizes the Hidden  
Disabilities Sunflower  
Program.



By utilizing the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program, you can discreetly let hotel, attraction and restaurant staff know that you or someone you are traveling with has a hidden disability.

Additional accommodations may include:

- Expedited hotel check-in or restaurant seating when possible
- Consideration for a specific seating request
- Quick checkout if the need to leave arises
- Allowing outside food or accommodating a special request for the individual on the spectrum
- Understanding that the person may be non-verbal, have difficulty sitting still and making eye contact



When we arrive,  
we will go inside  
the pro shop and  
check in.





In the pro shop, my family can ask a staff member if we can check out a sensory backpack.

If one is available, I can use it while we are at the golf course. It will include different sensory toys for me.

If we check out a sensory backpack, it must be returned before we leave.

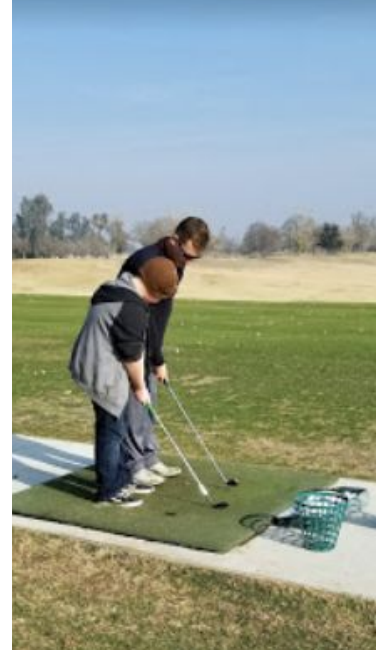


Some areas of the golf course are loud and some are quiet. Some are crowded and some have fewer people.

My family can ask a staff member which areas are best for me.



If I want to practice hitting golf balls, I can go to the driving range.





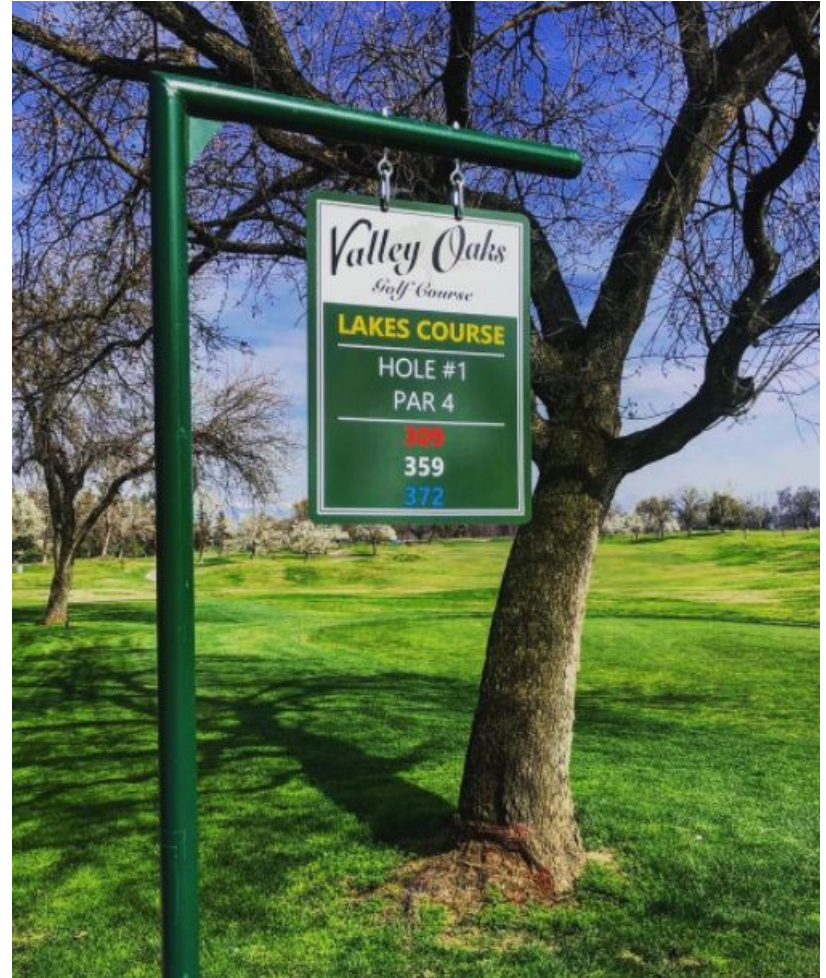
I can also practice on the putting green and the chipping/pitching green.



If we play a round of golf we can rent golf clubs and a golf cart.

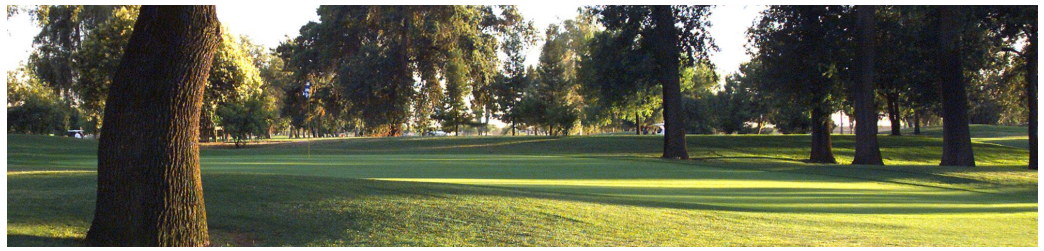


There are signs at the start of each hole to let us know which number we are playing.





There are a lot of things to look at while on the golf course, including big trees, a pond and sand holes.





I might even get to see  
some animals.

Even though they are  
cute, please do not  
touch or scare them.



If we get hungry we can go eat at the  
Iron Wood Grill.

We can sit inside or outside.



# I am ready to go to Valley Oaks Golf Course!

