



**BLESSINGS IN A  
BACKPACK**  
*Classic*  
CENTRAL FLORIDA



**THREE GOLF EVENTS | RECEPTION & CONCERT**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16 AND FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**

**GOLF: THE CLUB AT VENETIAN BAY**

**RECEPTION & CONCERT: BRANNON CENTER**

**NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA**

## **PLAYER INFORMATION PACKET**



**APRIL**  
**16**  
**2026**

**Team Scramble**  
**A Night of Nibbles &  
Notes**  
**Reception & Concert**

**APRIL**  
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**Individual Qualifier**  
**for The Duke of**  
**Edinburgh Cup World**  
**Finals - Representing**  
**the USA**

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## APRIL 16, 2026

### TEAM SCRAMBLE (Golf Event #1)

Location: The Club at Venetian Bay, New Smyrna Beach, Florida

- 7-8 a.m.** Registration and breakfast  
**8:15 a.m.-1 p.m.** 18-hole scramble — Shotgun start, contests, and raffle  
**1-2:30 p.m.** Lunch, raffle drawing, and awards presentation



### REGISTRATION FOR DOE CUP QUALIFIER

Location: Brannon Center, New Smyrna Beach, Florida

**6-7:30 p.m.**

### A NIGHT OF NIBBLES & NOTES: COCKTAIL RECEPTION & CONCERT

Location: Brannon Center, New Smyrna Beach, Florida

- 6:30 p.m.** Savory & Sweet Snacks, Cash Bar & Entertainment – *Caesar Frazier*  
About Blessings in a Backpack  
**8:15 p.m.** Joan L. Kidd MD Fight for Life Concert Series – [Jenene Celebrating Celine](#)



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



**APRIL 17, 2026**

## INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER FOR THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH CUP WORLD FINALS (Golf Event #2)

**Location: The Club at Venetian Bay, New Smyrna Beach, Florida**

*Golfers must have a USGA handicap to participate.*

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| <b>7-8 a.m.</b>         | Breakfast   |
| <b>8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.</b> | 18-hole qualifier — Shotgun start, net Stableford scoring, and LED leaderboards on course   |
| <b>1-2:30 p.m.</b>      | Lunch and announcement of rankings  |
| <b>2:30-4 p.m.</b>      | <u><a href="#">Joan L. Kidd MD Fight for Life Cup Playoff</a></u> (Golf Event #3)<br>For 3rd - 12th place finishers, over 5 holes, with a <u><a href="#">SeaDream Yacht Mediterranean voyage</a></u> for two as the prize |
| <b>4 p.m.</b>           | Awards presentation on the 9th green  |





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## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH CUP USA QUALIFIER GRAND PRIZE

The top two finishers will be invited to play at The Duke of Edinburgh Cup World Finals in England in the fall of 2026.

### The invitation includes:

- Economy airfare and five nights of hotel accommodations
- Entry into “The Duke of Edinburgh Cup,” a two-day competition:
  - Round one: 18 holes at Wentworth Golf Club followed by lunch
  - Round two: 18 holes at Windlesham Golf Club (to be confirmed) followed by lunch
- A match at The Royal Household Golf Club at Windsor Castle
- A gala prize-giving dinner at Windsor Castle with a senior member of the Royal Family in attendance

A guest is welcome to accompany the qualifiers and may share the hotel room; however, functions, golf, meals, and other expenses will be at the guest's own cost.

[Learn more about the Duke of Edinburgh Cup World Finals](#) with a video introduction by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG KT GCVO.



***“The true measure of achievement lies in our ability to give back. I invite you to take a swing at making a positive impact in the lives of children in Central Florida by participating in the Blessings Classic. Together, we can truly drive change.”***

– Justin Rose, European & PGA Tour Golfer and Golfing Ambassador, The Duke of Edinburgh Cup

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# 2026 BLESSINGS CLASSIC GOLF REGISTRATION & CONCERT TICKETS

## GOLF REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

<https://orlando.blessingsinabackpack.org/central-florida-classic/>

### TEAM SCRAMBLE

#### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Deadline: January 3, 2026

Scramble Foursome: **\$1,000** (\$220 tax-deductible donation)

Scramble Individual: **\$250** (\$55 tax-deductible donation)

#### STANDARD REGISTRATION

January 4 - March 6, 2026

Scramble Foursome: **\$1,200** (\$420 tax-deductible donation)

Scramble Individual: **\$300** (\$105 tax-deductible donation)

- 18-holes, cart, driving range, putting green & chipping green
- Breakfast & Lunch
- Cash beverage carts
- 2 drink tickets for lunch or beverage cart
- Swag bag, raffle & contests - Hole-in-One, Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive & Putting
- National Merchant Discount Program
- Discount on reception/concert tickets

### RECEPTION/CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets to go on sale by October 1, 2025 - release date & tax-deductible portion of ticket TBD

Golfers: **\$50** per person

Public: **\$75** per person

### INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER

#### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Deadline: January 3, 2026

DOE Cup Individual: **\$425** (\$110 tax-deductible donation)

#### STANDARD REGISTRATION

January 4 - March 6, 2026

DOE Cup Individual: **\$500** (\$185 tax-deductible donation)

- 18-holes, cart, live leaderboards, PGA rules officiating team, driving range, putting green & chipping green
- Breakfast & Lunch (2 drink tickets, cash bar)
- Hospitality tents (snacks & nonalcoholic beverages)
- Playoff - Mediterranean voyage prize
- Swag bag
- National Merchant Discount Program
- Discount on reception/concert tickets

### PLAY IT FORWARD

If you cannot attend but wish to feed kids in Central Florida on the weekends, PLAY IT FORWARD with a tax-deductible gift:

[orlando.blessingsinabackpack.org/donate](https://orlando.blessingsinabackpack.org/donate)

### Questions? Contact Diane LaVigna

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# ABOUT BLESSINGS CENTRAL FLORIDA

In every zip code across America, there are children facing food insecurity. In Central Florida, over 140,000 K-12 students are at risk of going hungry on the weekend. These children rely on their school's free and reduced-price meal programs for the nourishment they need to learn and grow.

But what happens when schools close their doors on Friday?

To bridge the 65-hour weekend hunger gap, Blessings in a Backpack sends kids home on Fridays with satisfying, nutritious food they can count on.

During the 2024-25 school year, Blessings in a Backpack in Central Florida, provided over 4,200 kids across 30+ programs with over 155,000 hunger-free weekends. There's so much more we can do. The need is far greater than our current capacity.



**WHAT WE DO:** Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for school-aged children across America who might otherwise go hungry.

**WHY WE DO IT:** [Kahlil Ortiz, Principal, Sally Ride Elementary School, Orlando, Florida](#) highlights what the Blessings food solutions program means to his kids

