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Tiger Woods holding golf clinic at OU

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Tiger Woods will hold a golf clinic Monday, Sept. 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the **Oakland University Golf and Learning Center**, four days before the 35th Ryder Cup matches begin at Oakland Hills Country Club and only three days before OU hosts the **Ryder Cup Champions Invitational**.

"It's an honor and a privilege to have arguably the world's greatest golfer at our facility," said Bill Rogers, golf and managing director of OU's Golf and Learning Center. "It attests to the quality of the facility and the efforts OU has put into delivering a nationally recognized golf facility. Because this event is occurring in conjunction with the Ryder Cup, one of the biggest sporting events in the entire world, it's an even bigger and more special occasion."

A limited number of clinic tickets are available and can be obtained by purchasing tickets to the Buick Open, which is July 26 - Aug. 1 at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc. A special ticket package includes two daily Buick Open tickets and one ticket to the clinic for \$50. Tickets can be purchased by calling (800) 878-OPEN (6736) or by going to the **Ticketmaster** Web site. The package is available through Sunday, July 25.

"The clinic will be a demonstration of Tiger's golf talent, with an explanation of what fundamentals he utilizes to be such a great player," Rogers said.

Woods, 28, will play in the Buick Open for the third straight year. He boasts an unprecedented career since becoming a professional golfer less than eight years ago. He's ranked number one on the Official World Golf Ranking, earning more than \$42 million on the PGA circuit.

Woods has won 53 tournaments, 40 of those on the PGA Tour, including the 1997, 2001 and 2002 Masters Tournaments, 1999 and 2000 PGA Championships, 2000 and 2002 U.S. Open Championship, and 2000 British Open Championship.

With his second Masters victory in 2001, Woods became the first ever to hold all four professional major championships at the same time. He is the career victories leader among active players on the PGA Tour and is the career money list leader.

This isn't the first time a golf celebrity has visited OU. Other golf greats have played OU's courses, including Phil Mickelson, Fred Couples, Fuzzy Zoeller, Mark O'Meara and Lee Janzen, all of whom are Master's champions, except Janzen, who is a two-time U.S. Open winner.

The Golf and Learning Center is hosting the **2004 Ryder Cup Champions Invitational**, Thursday, Sept. 16. Presented by the MGM Grand Detroit, the Champions Invitational features teams of four that will play an 18-hole shotgun start scramble. A part of each foursome will be a celebrity from the sports or entertainment world. Players from the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, NHL greats, NBA all-stars, former NFL players and music legends all will play to help raise money for 12 local charity organizations.

For more information on OU's golf courses, visit the **OU Golf and Learning Center** Web site. For more information on Woods, visit the **Tiger Woods** Web site.

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