

Local Families Golf, Play Tennis, and Connect at Country Clubs across Katy

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William Churchill once said, "Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose." In Katy, the game of skill and concentration has proven to be a hit, with area golf and country clubs singularly well designed to meet golf aficionados' needs. With abounding amenities and services, country clubs prove a perfect fit for Katy families of all shapes and sizes. Here, friends gather around the greenest greens for more than just a recap of the days' best plays, as kids laugh and splash around the pool and families find a way to reconnect over delicious cuisine. The relaxing atmosphere coupled with the family-friendly environment of Katy's country and golf clubs draws in a wealth of members time and again.

Weston Lakes Country Club 32611 FM 1093 Fulshear 1 281-346-1967

At Weston Lakes Country Club, family comes first. With a host of special events ranging from an annual Easter egg hunt, Fourth of July parade, and Halloween Spooktacular celebration, the club caters to the Weston Lakes neighborhood and surrounding communities of Katy, Sugar Land, Fulshear, and Simonton. The club combines family friendly activities, such as outdoor movie nights during the summer, with social events, such as wine tastings in the courtyard, complete with live music, during the spring and summer. "It's really just a family atmosphere," says Steve Reichardt, Weston Lakes project manager. "Everybody knows each other, and everyone enjoys hanging out at the club."

The club's active golf associations also attract many members. Both men's and women's associations are available, as well as a senior golf association, which helps to set Weston Lakes apart from other clubs. "Golfers become very close, and build strong relationships with each other," Reichardt says. They are welcomed on the 18-hole golf course designed by former PGA Tour player and current Senior PGA Tour player Hale Irwin, and are invited to browse the club's golf shop after a day on the green. While there, families are also invited to relax at both family and adult pools, to strike up a game on one of two tennis courts, or to dine at the casual Waterside Grill. Weston Lakes welcomes larger parties, as well, providing a 14,000 square foot clubhouse with a ballroom for more formal events. Weston Lakes offers golf memberships for both Weston Lakes neighborhood residents and non-residents, as well as social memberships, available only to Weston Lakes residents.

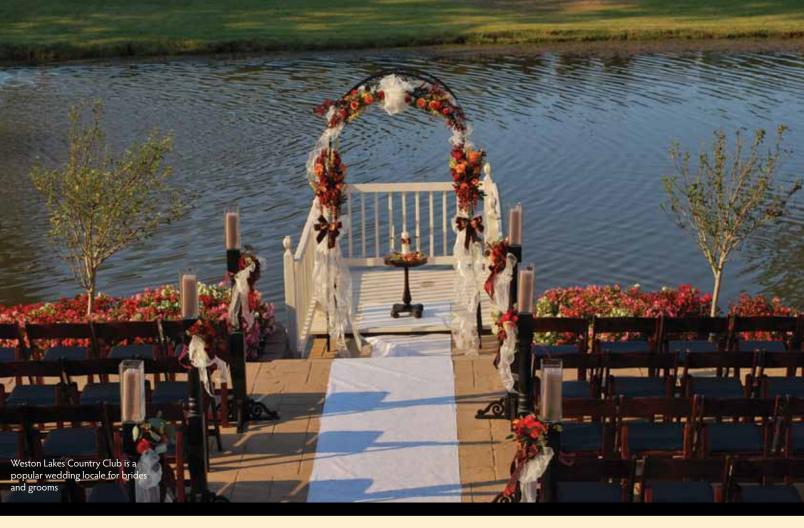
















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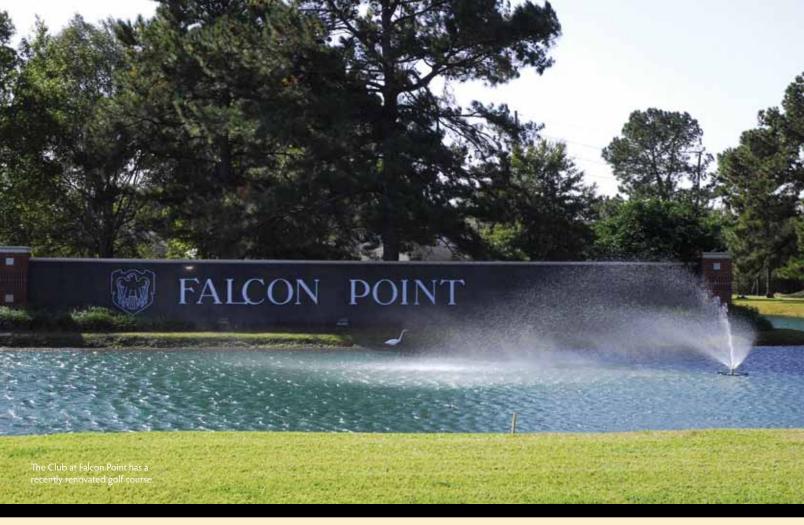
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The Club at Falcon Point

24503 Falcon Point Dr., Katy 1 281-392-7888

From ladies' night to dinner dances, The Club at Falcon Point offers something for everyone. With four different memberships, including social/athletics, tennis, young executive, and full privilege golf, the club accommodates members with different interests. In addition, Falcon Point features a casual dining atmosphere, complete with a special celebrations menu full of healthy choices just right for capping off a day of swimming, tennis, or golf.

The recently renovated, challenging golf course, designed by Devlin and Von hagee with champions Bermuda grass, welcomes players of all skill levels. "The Club at Falcon Point has the best course in the area," says Craig Brussard. "It is the most enjoyable course to play in." As an added bonus, Falcon Point should soon be the first golf course in Fort Bend County to receive the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Certification, which helps golf courses protect the area environment and wildlife.

Willow Fork Country Club 21055 Westheimer Pkwy., Katy 1 281-579-6262

Enjoy the feeling of a never-ending vacation at Willow Fork Country Club. The Southern-style clubhouse transports you to an era when relaxation and fun set the rules. Enjoy a day at the pool, the tennis court, or the 18-hole championship golf course. "I joined Willow Fork Country club because of its family friendly atmosphere," says Ken Reinevs. "I love taking my family there to spend the day." If hunger strikes, enjoy either casual or fine dining at Willow Fork's restaurants. If what you really want is to socialize, enjoy yourself at a golf or tennis tournament, or one of the club's fun-filled theme parties.

From golf pros to social butterflies, six different levels of membership provide variety for all. Members may choose from full golf transferable/non-transferable, junior executive, tennis, social, and corporate memberships. While Willow Fork's exclusive member advantage plan includes complimentary golf clinics, an assessment-free guarantee, and club transfer privileges, their platinum club allows members to play on more than 200 clubs nationwide for cart fees.

Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club 23230 Meadowbrook Farms Club Dr., Katy 1 281-693-4653

Those searching for great benefits will find them at Meadowbrook Farms, which offers a complete range of added bonuses, from reserved starting times for members and guests during prime times, to exclusive invitations to members only events. You may also reserve starting times 14 days in advance and receive charging privileges. As a part of the Heritage Golf Group, Meadowbrook Farms allows its members to receive preferred pricing in 14 golf courses across the U.S. Sharpen your game before teeing off at the golf club's player development center, where you will find tee stations, practice balls, and distance locators.

The Golf Club at Cinco Ranch. 23030 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Katy 1 281-395-7858

Cinco Ranch's public course, designed by Carlton Gipson, focuses on being the best daily fee course in the area. The driving range offers players in the junior golf program and in the ladies clinic an ideal place to practice. If you need to better your golf before a tournament or simply want to improve your technique, join the club's player development program, which features unlimited range balls, seven hours of weekly clinics, 25 percent off merchandise, and more. Additionally, a senior men's league meets regularly to relieve stress on the green before heading to the restaurant for a complete dining experience. "The Golf Club at Cinco Ranch has a large number of representatives from the oil industry," says Kenny Campbell. "It is the perfect place to gain connections in the field, while still having fun."

River Ridge Golf Club 3133 Brazos Oak Ln., Sealy 1 800-553-7517

A peaceful surrounding with no residential developments around sets this golf course apart from other West Houston attractions. Designed by Jay Riviere, the course includes four tees in every hole, making it playable for all levels of golfers, from beginner to scratch. Golf Digest's Best Places to Play rated River Ridge 4.5 out of 5 stars for its pro and snack shop, outdoor patio, and picturesque pecan trees. If you wish to entertain, River Ridge offers a welcoming venue with its 7,000 square foot pavilion. **KM**

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