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Golf Course Superintendent

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career profile

Name: Sean Lowmiller
Job Title: Golf Course
Superintendent


Employer: Screaming Eagle Golf Club


Education: BS, The Ohio State University: Columbus

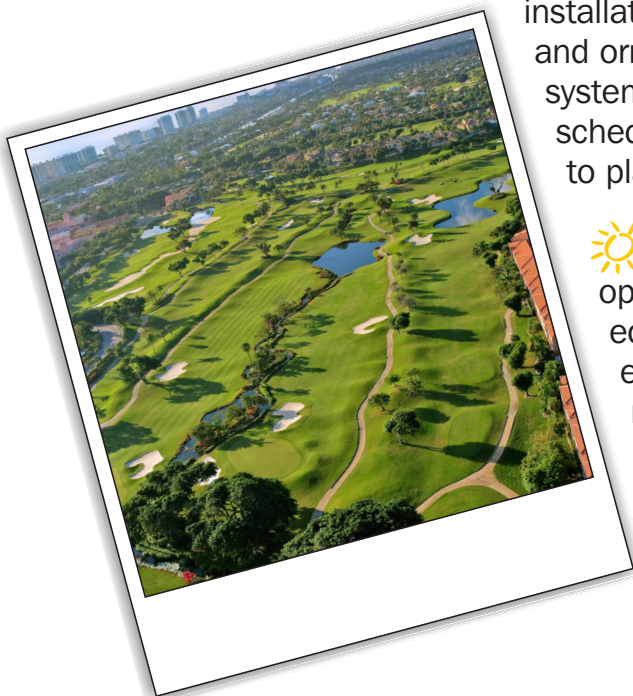
 Growing up, I watched golf tournaments on television with my father. I was always impressed with how beautiful the courses looked, and I decided that I'd like to work on a golf course. I got a summer job in high school working at a local course. Eventually, I earned a bachelor's degree in professional golf course management.

 After four years as an assistant golf course superintendent, I was hired as a golf course superintendent. Basically, it is my responsibility to see that the golf course is well-maintained. Although it may sound simple, I have a lot of responsibilities. I recruit, supervise, and evaluate maintenance staff. I see that they receive technical, operational, and safety

training. I oversee the installation and care of turfgrass and ornamental plants. I manage irrigation systems and track water usage. It is important that I schedule maintenance activities to minimize disruption to players.

 I control expenses associated with golf course operations, including payroll, supplies, and equipment costs. I order parts, supplies, and equipment. I report to the board of directors on a regular basis and provide operating budgets and plans for maintenance and capital improvement projects.

 I like being a golf course superintendent because of the challenges it offers. There is always something that can be done to improve the golf course.



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overview



A **golf course superintendent** manages and directs the maintenance and operation of golf courses.

suggested high school courses



horticulture, agriculture, biology, chemistry, and mathematics

experience needed



Obtain an internship on a golf course. Find employment as a crew member or an assistant superintendent and advance through the ranks.

degree(s) required



An associate's degree in turfgrass science or a related field is a minimum requirement. Certification by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is strongly recommended.

potential employers



private golf courses, public golf courses

salary range



Average salary \$71,275
(the top 10% earn \$128,000 or more)

employment outlook and trends



The job outlook for golf course superintendents is **good**.

professional organizations



Golf Course Superintendents Association of America www.gcsaa.org/
United States Golf Association www.usga.org/default.aspx



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