

THE SCORECARD

Our Quarterly Newsletter - Spring 2024

The promise we make,
and how we deliver It:



First Tee builds experiences that build character. As a youth development organization, we

believe experiences are our greatest teacher and that they should be both fun and meaningful, where kids feel excited to grow, safe to fail and better equipped for whatever comes their way.

By seamlessly Integrating the game of golf with a life skills curriculum, we create active learning experiences that build Inner strength, self-confidence and resilience that kids carry to everything they do.

Spring Registration
is Open Now!

Don't miss out...Many classes are full but we still have space in some! To register [CLICK HERE](#). To view the Spring schedule [CLICK HERE](#).

Registration Opens at 8am for:
Summer Session - May 1st
Fall Session - August 1st
Winter Session - November 1st

2024 Event Dates
(click links for more Info)



- [Spring Classic Golf Tournament](#) at San Luis Obispo CC - April 15th
- [Annual Ellie Day](#) at Monarch Dunes - May 20th
- [McFadden Golf Tournament](#) at Santa Barbara Golf Club - July 13th
- Virtual Golf Tournament at Swing Time / Dairy Creek Golf Course - July 20th
- 1st Annual FTCC Challenge at Monarch Dunes Challenge Course - August 1st
- [Fall Classic Golf Tournament](#) at Alisal Ranch on October 21st



2024 National Opportunities

Once your teen is ready to take their First Tee experience to the next level, we've got you covered. First Tee has national events to inspire and encourage high school students on a deeper level. From being mentored by PGA TOUR Champions players at Pebble Beach to a 5 day learning and empowerment academy, FT national events are about expanding horizons, meeting new people, opening doors and guiding teens to be more confident in themselves.

In 2023 our chapter had three participants attend three National opportunities. Cooper Groshart & Jeffrey Forster competed in the First Tee National Championship held at Stanford, Sophia Waddell attended the First Tee Drive Your Future Academy as well as the First Tee Innovators Forum. Cooper came home a National Champion (YAY) and Sophia has implemented a project bringing First Tee to the Bulldogs Special Olympians as a project for the Innovators Forum. We are so proud of their hard work. Jeffrey, Cooper, and Sophia are all great examples of FTCC participants that have taken full advantage of FT National Opportunities and this could be you (or your child) too! You can see the impact these national opportunities can have for the teenagers that participate. There are leadership opportunities, golf opportunities as well as scholarships available for those that stick with the First Tee programs into their teen years. Each opportunity has its own set of requirements and I encourage you to look through them and discuss with your kids & their coaches. Contact your First Tee Coach, Billy Gibbs and or myself if you have questions about eligibility or have interest in applying. In many cases the cost to attend is covered either by First Tee National or by our chapter, with limited cost to the participant and their family. See below for a list of the 2024 opportunities or [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. Due dates are coming up quickly for most of these. Don't miss out on ALL First Tee has to offer!



2024 National Participant Opportunities

| Event | Event Dates | Location | App Release | App Deadline | # of Participants |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| First Tee National Championship | June 23-27, 2024 | Clemson, SC | Jan. 16 | Mar. 20 | 48 |
| Game Changers Academy Honoring Joe Louis Barrow Jr. | July 9-13, 2024 | Minneapolis, MN | Jan. 16 | Mar. 20 | Up to 72 |
| Participant Advisory Council | July 22-24, 2024 | Ponte Vedra Beach, FL | Jan. 16 | Mar. 20 | 8 |
| PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee | Sept. 17-22, 2024 | Pebble Beach, CA | Jan. 16 | Mar. 20 | Up to 81 |
| First Tee Drive Your Future Academy presented by John Deere* | Oct. 10-14, 2024 | Ponte Vedra Beach, FL | May 14 | July 17 | 24 |
| First Tee Innovators Forum | Nov. 17-21, 2024 | Phoenix, AZ | May 14 | July 17 | Up to 32 |

*Female Empowerment event
All application release dates and deadlines are 2024



"The First Tee has taught me more than just how to hit a golf ball, it has taught me the importance of really helping other people wherever you can. Getting more involved now as a junior coach has helped me feel more confident in my leadership skills and I love being able to help other kids learn the game." - Sophia

How can you help?

Many people don't realize that we are a non-profit and we have to raise our own funds to pay for our amazing coaching team, staff, financial aid, no-fee programs, equipment etc. All contributions are tax deductible and our tax ID # is 77-0524816. We are so grateful for our amazing community of generous donors. There are a variety of easy ways you can help our organization. Please take a look and see if any will work for you.

- **Make a donation** of ANY amount.
- **Donate Used Golf Equipment:** We will also take your used golf equipment anytime. You can just let us know and we will come pick it up & send you a tax donation receipt. Contact Matt Craddock at (805) 704-5983 for pick up arrangements.
- **Facebook Fundraisers:** If you're on Facebook I'm sure you've had friends post about birthday fundraisers... and they don't even have to be for your birthday you can do them anytime and choose the charity of your choice as the recipient. You can search for us on facebook under First Tee – Central Coast. Either way you should join us on Facebook to see fun pictures of our programs...[click HERE](#) to like our FB page. You can find us on Instagram as well.
- **Planned Giving:** [Click HERE](#) to learn more about how you can leave a lasting gift that could impact our chapter for years to come.
- **Buy GOLF MANIA Tickets!** (See details below)
- **Sponsor an event!** Advertise your business at one of our Golf Tournaments or events...[CLICK HERE](#) for Spring Classic sponsorship opportunities. Reach out to Mia@FirstTeeCentralCoast.org to learn more about other event sponsorships.
- Think about joining our **board of directors**. We are always looking for passionate people to join our team!

It's Golf Mania Time!

Golf Mania Ticket fundraiser is on for 2024!

Four chances to WIN BIG for only \$20.00. Basically, that's \$5 for each Tournament to have a chance to win some cash – how fun is that?

Electronic Tickets can be purchased online by clicking [HERE](#).. Once in, Click on "Contribute now" and follow the prompts.

Purchasing a \$20.00 ticket gets you 34 chances to win in each of the 4 major championships, plus allows the purchaser to download \$30 worth of music from new artists! All Cards have 5 pre-assigned golfers per Tournament. After each Tournament, scan the QR code on the back of your ticket to see if you've won! The system also lets us know all the winners after each tournament – thus I will contact you if you've won!!

- The Masters April 11th
- PGA Championship May 16th
- US Open June 13th and
- The British Open July 18th.

Deadline for tickets to be purchased will be end of day on April 10th.

Proceeds help support local kids on the Central Coast!

We have a goal of trying to sell 200 tickets before the first tournament on April 11th. We have sold 69 tickets so far – woo hoo!! Thanks to those who have already purchased!! So awesome!!! Every bit of this will help our chapter earn our way to secure a 4th Charles Schwab Grant which helps support kids on the Central Coast.

WIN \$1,000s!

Support Your organization name goes here.
Get music downloads for only \$20 and then have a blast playing this exciting sweepstakes based on professional golf! Get your game card and WIN! 555.555.1212

1 Get a game card and you can win in each of the 4 majors

2 You get 5 new golfers each event

3 If your 5 golfers have the best or worst combined scores... you win!

| Player | Total Strokes |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Colfer | 218 |
| Greg McElroy | 218 |
| Patrick Fowler | 218 |
| Malik Brown | 218 |
| Jurick Robin | 218 |
| Scott Johnson | 218 |
| Total Strokes | 1310 |

Each card can win prizes in all 4 Tournaments!
Say your card has these golfers on the tournament:
Colfer Total Strokes 218
Greg McElroy 218
Patrick Fowler 218
Malik Brown 218
Jurick Robin 218
Scott Johnson 218
Total Strokes 1310

If your card's golfers have fewer strokes than any other card that week, you win!

Presented by
Your organization's contact information here
555.555.5555

What can I win?
With your game card you are eligible to win up to \$400 in each of golf's 4 majors. You have 136 chances to win a prize!



Challenge Accepted!

Your gift can go further thanks to the Charles Schwab Challenge Grant.

Thanks Charles Schwab



Thanks to your generous donations In 2023, we qualified for year three (of five) for this amazing matching grant opportunity. Lets see if we can do it again In 2024!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see our 2023 Annual Review to see the impact your contribution had!

Calling all First Tee Alumni:

Did you know First Tee has a robust Alumni Network? Through events, resources, and communication, the First Tee Alumni Network fosters life-long learning by continuing to support your journey as an alumni beyond First Tee programming and into your professional stage of life while promoting and nurturing a strong community of lifetime relationships.

[Click HERE](#) for more Information and to join.



"First Tee has equipped me with the confidence, perseverance, and leadership skills I will need to give back as a physician one day. I know First Tee will always be a part of my life!"

Claire Alford - FTCC Alumna & Ace Participant

First Tee ACE Program:

Ace is a capstone program built for teens to help them game-plan what's next. It integrates the skills and inner strengths they've developed at First Tee and points them toward exploring, investing in, and building a clear plan and assets for their next step. Ace takes a multi-layered approach incorporating self-exploration, active investigation of potential education and career paths, demonstration of leadership and investment in their community, and development of goals and real-world assets to kick-start their future.

At First Tee, Ace allows committed and engaged participants to demonstrate their understanding of First Tee's life and golf skills as they apply their acquired knowledge and First Tee's key commitments to four projects.

If You Are....

- At least 14 years old or entering high school;
- Have a minimum of 3 years in the First Tee program (do not need to be consecutive)
- Have a minimum of attendance at 2 sessions per year; and
- Are assessed as ready by your lead coach

.....Ask your Lead Coach about the First Tee Ace Program

FTCC's 2023 COACH OF THE YEAR:

Mike Brabenec, PGA

Thank you for your dedication & commitment and for all you do for our chapter & those lucky kids that call you Coach!



Meet the newest member of our FTCC family - Ace Lee born 11/29/2023
Congratulations to Coach Julia & her beautiful family !



In Their Words....

Testimonials from First Tee Central Coast Parents

"I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend First Tee's golf lessons based on the exceptional experience my 8-year-old son, Camden, had with their program. Jessani is an incredible director and Coach Terri is the best golf instructor I have ever met (and I took lessons from age 6 to college).

Thanks to the program and the staff, it is easy to say that enrolling Camden in First Tee's golf lessons was one of the best decisions we made for his personal development. Not only did he learn the fundamentals of golf, but he also gained invaluable life skills that will undoubtedly benefit him in the long run. Coach Terri not only taught him how to swing a club but also instilled in him important values such as honesty, respect, and perseverance both on and off the course.

Camden's progress throughout the program was remarkable. Not only did his golf skills improve significantly, but he also became more confident in himself and his abilities. In fact, for his ninth birthday, he wanted to have his party at the driving range so he could have his friends experience golf! The supportive and nurturing environment provided by First Tee allowed Camden to thrive and develop a genuine passion for the game of golf.

I am truly grateful to First Tee for providing Camden with such a positive and enriching experience. I have no doubt that the lessons he learned through this program will continue to shape him into a well-rounded and successful individual.



"Light started showing interest in golf at the age of 2 when my husband and I took him to Dick's sporting goods and he saw the golfing area and instantly fell in love. I've been wanting to enroll him into golf class at five years old but I knew that we could not afford the class. We are blessed to be part of Heartland Charter School who First Tee is a vendor that they work with. Fast forward to today, he first attended First tee in Monarch Dunes for September-October session with Coach Darren and Light loved every minute of it. He learned about golf and proper manners outside of golf. Coach Darren is an absolute great coach. We live in Santa Maria it was a commute to go to Monarch, so I enrolled him in Santa Maria for February-March session. He was thrilled to meet Coach Julia and meet new friends. He loves his class and golf. He talks about going pro as his long-term term career in golf. We're excited to be part of First Tee."

We had been struggling to find a sport that would work for our neurodivergent 10 year old. He tried a number of different things and nothing was a good fit or enjoyable to him. When I asked him what he wanted to do, he said he wanted to "hit stuff." Golf immediately came to mind, but I had no idea how to get him started. I didn't want to commit a lot of resources if it wasn't a good fit. A friend mentioned First Tee and I found the program closest to us. From the first class, our son enjoyed it. By the second session, it became something he looks forward to and genuinely enjoys. The coaches are phenomenal - extremely positive, supportive, and encouraging. Our son went from zero golf knowledge to regularly getting over the bunker easily. We keep coming back for a reason. I would highly recommend it and do anytime kids' sports come up in conversation!

Our sons participated in the Summer 2023 First Tee program. Darrio, who has taken to golf naturally was able to expand on his existing strengths and his putting improved drastically. Darrio left each session feeling inspired and motivated to continue improving his golf skills. Before First Tee, Dylan did not have the confidence to play golf and as a result, was often reluctant to play. Dylan's participation in the First Tee program provided him with the guidance and confidence that he needed to feel comfortable on the course. We are beyond appreciative of the staff and their overall engagement with all of the children. We are very happy with what our sons learned from the First Tee program and we look forward to coming back!



First Tee Fun!



Thank you to our 2023 Tournament Sponsors



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