



# Participant Opportunities

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# National Opportunities

Thanks to corporate partners and generous donors, First Tee is able to offer a variety of educational and leadership opportunities for participants each year. These events often become life-changing experiences for our participants as they further develop an awareness of the possibilities that surround them



# 2022 Schedule

Event	Date	Location
John Deere Drive Your Future Academy (Girls Only)	June 6-10, 2022	San Francisco, CA
John Deere Power for Good Contest	June 27 – July 1, 2022	Silvis, IL
First Tee National Championship	June 28 -July 1, 2022	South Bend, IN
Participant Advisory Council	July 11 – 13, 2022	Jacksonville, FL
First Tee Game Changers Academy Honoring Joe Louis Barrow, Jr.	July 19-23, 2022	Philadelphia, PA
First Tee Corporate Connect in partnership with the Coca-Cola Company	Aug. 24-27, 2022	Atlanta, GA
PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee	Sept. 20-25, 2022	Pebble Beach, CA
First Tee Innovators Forum	Nov. 16-19, 2022	Dallas, TX



## John Deere Drive Your Future Academy (Girls Only)

### **Purpose**

This all-girls event focuses on learning the value and impact of volunteerism, understanding the significance of values and skills learned through playing the game of golf, and recognizing the importance of building a strong network. The academy will take place in the city of San Francisco, where participants will be immersed in both its historic and modern culture, in addition to participating in workshops and playing golf with new mentors.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be between 14 and 18 years old
- High School Freshman – Senior
- Active participant for a minimum of 2 years
- Birdie level or higher
- USGA handicap of 24 or better

## John Deere Power for Good Contest

### **Purpose**

Each year the 'Power for Good' competition recognizes participants who have a passion for improving their local communities and inspires their hard work and determination. Winners are selected for demonstrating their commitment to service and leadership through a written essay, which includes a summary of the impact of their efforts and how their work is connected to the values learned through First Tee. Contest winners will have an opportunity to play in the John Deere Classic Pro-Am, and serve as a power for good at a local volunteer event. Additionally, each winner will receive a financial contribution toward their higher education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale
- Must be between 14 and 18
- High school freshman – senior
- Active participant for a minimum of two years
- Birdie level or higher
- USGA handicap of 18 or better

## First Tee National Championship

### Purpose

The First Tee National Championship brings together First Tee's elite players for an opportunity to showcase how the program has helped build the strength of character needed to play at the collegiate or next level. The winners of each male/female division will be awarded with the Tattersall Cup named after First Tee Trustee, Fred Tattersall. Each winner will earn an exemption into the PGA TOUR Champions' [PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee](#) at Pebble Beach Golf Links. First Tee National Championship is a 54-hole stroke-play event featuring a Girls and Boys division for high school participants ages 14-19

### Eligibility Requirements

- Must be between 14 & 18 years old
- Freshman – Senior
- Birdie Level or Higher
- Applicants will be selected solely off of their golf ability.
  - Rolex AJGA
  - Junior Golf Scoreboard
  - Golfweek/Sagarin
- Lowest GHIN handicap
- Selected participants will need to pay a \$100 tournament fee



## Participant Advisory Council

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Participant Advisory Council (PAC) is to advise First Tee Headquarters' decision-makers on matters pertinent to First Tee participants. It is critical for youth to be heard, and as such, in this space within the PAC, we will be creating opportunities for youth to express themselves, voice their ideas, and provide input for projects or programs that will impact the experience of all First Tee participants. The PAC will consist of a diverse group of 8 current First Tee participants, along with 2 alumni who will serve as advisors for the program.

The participants will represent their chapter and others at PAC meetings and give honest and professional counsel to Headquarters on various agenda topics. Participants will communicate effectively, giving accurate information and explanation of details, and allow all members of the group to communicate ideas.



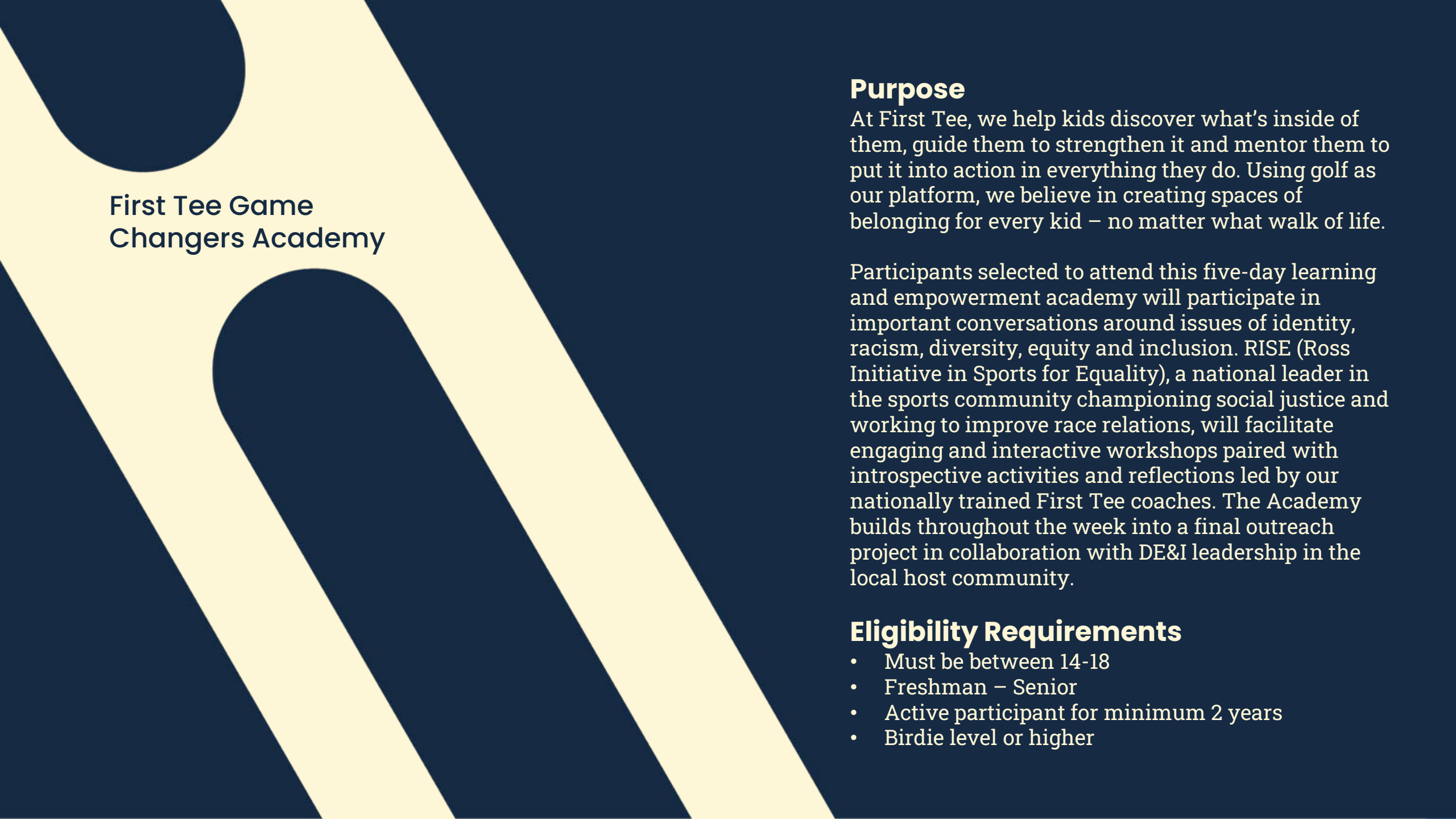
## Participant Advisory Council (cont'd)

### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Attend two 2-hour virtual meetings
- Attend one 3-day in-person annual meeting at First Tee headquarters
- Complete surveys on an as-needed basis
- Provide a positive attitude and a supportive presence
- Assist as needed in pilot programs for curriculum evolution
- Provide honest feedback to all agenda topics
- All duties of the position must be performed in a professional and confidential manner

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be a high school student during the 2021-22 school year
- Ability to travel to Florida for an in-person meeting in July
- Accessibility to attend virtual meetings



## First Tee Game Changers Academy

### **Purpose**

At First Tee, we help kids discover what's inside of them, guide them to strengthen it and mentor them to put it into action in everything they do. Using golf as our platform, we believe in creating spaces of belonging for every kid – no matter what walk of life.

Participants selected to attend this five-day learning and empowerment academy will participate in important conversations around issues of identity, racism, diversity, equity and inclusion. RISE (Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality), a national leader in the sports community championing social justice and working to improve race relations, will facilitate engaging and interactive workshops paired with introspective activities and reflections led by our nationally trained First Tee coaches. The Academy builds throughout the week into a final outreach project in collaboration with DE&I leadership in the local host community.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be between 14-18
- Freshman – Senior
- Active participant for minimum 2 years
- Birdie level or higher



## First Tee Corporate Connect

### **Purpose**

Dedicated to impacting communities, the Coca-Cola Company supports First Tee by offering five participants annually the chance to attend the three-day experience where they will meet and network with senior staff at Coca-Cola Company to learn about working at one of the largest corporations in the world.

The teens will also experience VIP access during the TOUR Championship at the historic East Lake Golf Club. During their time at the tournament, the teens will meet with professionals from the sports and business world, give back by volunteering in the SO COOL Zone presented by Southern Company, and watch and follow their favorite PGA TOUR players as they compete for the FedExCup.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- High School Senior as of fall 2022
- Preferred GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Active participant for a minimum of 2 years
- Bridie level or higher

## PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee

### **Purpose**

For many teens, being selected for the PURE Insurance Championship is the pinnacle experience of their First Tee participation. An official PGA TOUR Champions event, the PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Monterey, California pairs one First Tee junior with a PGA TOUR Champions player and two amateurs. The tournament is televised nationally on Golf Channel. Although there is a winning score on Sunday, this experience is so much more than a golf event. First Tee participants are provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the Legends & Leaders speaker program, which features notables from the business, sports and entertainment industries. This event also provides the teens a unique mentoring experience on the golf course with their PGA TOUR Champions player and two amateurs. The relationships formed during tournament week are genuine and deeply rooted.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be between 14 and 18 years old
- High School Freshman – Senior
- Active participant for a minimum of 2 years
- Birdie level or higher
- USGA handicap of 6 or better for males & 8 or better for females
- Players must be physically and mentally able to play up to 5 rounds and carry their golf bag



## Covid Protocols for all National Opportunities

- All participants must provide proof of vaccination or a negative test no more than 72 hours prior to arriving in the host city
- Parent/guardian will need to agree that if a participant contracts COVID-19 or if they are in close contact with someone who has tested positive at the event, the parent/guardian will have 24 to 48 hours to arrive on-site and isolate with their child until quarantine period is over
- Masks required at all indoor activities
- Temperature and symptom checks will take place daily
- Social distancing will be enforced at all times



# Life Changing Moments!

- Victor competed in the 2021 PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach.
- He was paired with PGA Tour Champions player Dean Wilson from Hawaii.





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# Solheim Cup



- Erin participated in the John Deere Drive Your Future Academy
- She was able to explore the topics of volunteerism, teamwork, and remaining active in golf with 24 other girls from across the Network
- Erin had the opportunity to watch LPGA professionals compete at the Solheim Cup

# Local Opportunities



- Extra First Tee Benefits offered locally in community
- Best way to explore and get involved in golf, the First Tee, and your community
- Great way to improve on golf & life skills
- New opportunities may be added throughout the year!



# Handicap Index

- Establishing a handicap index allow all golfers to compete fairly and equitably.
- Needed for most junior tournaments to register & play
- First Tee participants, alumni, coaches, and volunteers are welcome to join!
- Free to active coaches & participants who are Birdie, Eagle, or Ace.
- Memberships for 2022 open March 15

# Junior Coach Program

- Designed to help students in their preparation for college placement and the workplace for the future.
- Bronze
  - Help with events & special projects
  - Must be at least 9 year old
  - Essay
- Silver
  - Aid head coaches in PLAYer level classes
  - Must be at least 13
  - Essay
- Gold (Interns)

# First Tee – GCNKY Internships

- We offer paid internships as an opportunity to help ready students for future employment and allow them to reinforce First Tee Life Skills.
- Must be at least Eagle level or higher and 16 years old.
- Must have clear understanding of First Tee mission & core values
- Ability to communicate comfortably and work with chapter staff, head coaches, golf instructors and volunteers
- Must apply through formal application process online

# Become a Caddy!

- Great summer job!
- Valuable investment into your future
- Offered at several private course in the area
- Evans Scholars Foundation – free tuition to college
- 21 Scholarship Houses

# PGA Junior League

- PGA Jr. League is available to participants 13 and under
- PGA Jr. League gives is an introduction to competitive golf in a fun, relaxed atmosphere
- All matches are played in a two-person scramble format
- Participate in a league at Meadow Links Golf Course or Little Miami Golf Center
- Free to First Tee Participants
- Registration begins in mid-February

Do you want **more**  
**information??**

Visit [FirstTeeGCNKY.org](http://FirstTeeGCNKY.org) and click on Programs – Participant Opportunities to find out more information on each opportunity we discussed today as well as other local golf opportunities.

All applications & essays are available there..



# Questions?

