



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



2023 Schedule

Event	Date	Location
First Tee Drive Your Future Academy presented by John Deere (Girls Only)	October 5-9	San Francisco, CA
First Tee National Championship	June 2-6	Stanford, CA
Participant Advisory Council	July 25-26, 2022	Jacksonville, FL
First Tee Game Changers Academy Honoring Joe Louis Barrow, Jr.	July 18-22, 2022	Philadelphia, PA
PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee	Sept. 19-24, 2022	Pebble Beach, CA
First Tee Innovators Forum	Nov. 9-12, 2022	Dallas, TX



First Tee Drive Your Future Academy presented by John Deere (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 at the time of the event
- 8th Grade - Junior as of Spring Semester 2023
- Acceptable golf ability - Should be able to shoot approx. 100 on 18 holes.

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 as of Spring 2023
- Active First Tee member for at least 2 years
- Applicants will be selected solely off of their golf ability.
 - Rolex AJGA
 - Junior Golf Scoreboard
 - Golfweek/Sagarin
- Lowest GHIN handicap



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 2-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 2022-23 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 as of Spring 2023
- Active participant for minimum 2 years



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
- 8th grade -High School Junior as of Spring Semester 2023
- Active participant for a minimum of 2 years
- 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



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.
- Henry Mentzel was selected to the Participant Advisory Council and the First Tee Game Changers Academy Honoring Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. in 2022



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Solheim Cup



- Erin participated in the John Deere Drive Your Future Academy in 2021
- 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, First Tee, and your community
- Great way to improve on golf & life skills
- New opportunities, including LPGA Leadership Academy, will be added throughout the year as events become available.

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 First Tee participants
- Memberships for 2023 open March 15

Volunteer with us!

- Designed to help students in their preparation for college placement and the workplace for the future.
- Must be 14 or older
- Assist in any 7-9 or 10-11 Class
- Gain volunteer hours for school
- Give back to the Chapter!

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 16 years old and an active participant for 2 years
- 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. Contact Jeanne@firstteegcnky.org for more information.
- **New! Volunteer Intern needed for the Big O Classic in July.**

College Scholarships

- Rita S. Metcalfe Scholarship benefitting First Tee - GCNKY
- 25 First Tee Seniors have received this one time scholarship since it began in 2018
- Started in memory of the late wife of Taylor Metclafe, former board member. Rita was a teacher and an avid golfer. We are honored to be a part of her legacy.
- Applications due in November and Recipients are announced in December each year.

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 for those who qualify
- 21 Scholarship Houses around the US

Do you want **more information??**

Visit 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.

Qs? Contact Jeanne Siegel at jeanne@firstteegcnky.org or 513.988.7226 x2.



Questions?

