



Sharing the game with Neighborhood House

Area community center returns for third summer of golf

Over the past two summers, over 100 kids from Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, a community center located on the near-west side of the city, have had an opportunity to learn golf and its associated values at Noyes Park Golf Course through a partnership with the First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin. Neighborhood House offers educational, social and recreational activities for people of all stages of life, regardless of income.

Phan Sanford, Early Childhood Program Manager at Neighborhood House, says golf is an important activity for their kids. "Golf has been meaningful because it allows for our children to learn the foundation skills for a structured sport," she said. "This hands on learning is a great opportunity for our children who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate."

They are eager to return to the course this summer. "We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the First Tee in providing foundational golf knowledge while promoting positive character development" Sanford said. "Not only do our youth enjoy the lessons, they love building relationships with the golf volunteers. As a result of the First Tee partnership, our youth are empowered to make better choices on and off the golf course."

In this issue:

02 Core Value Corner

03 2020 Summer Programs

04 New School Partners

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"We're Thankful for You"

Your donations support our vision to share the game and its values with every kid in our community



For the past 20+ years I have had the pleasure of working with the First Tee in one capacity or another. I have been a board member, a staff member and then a board member again. I am presently wrapping up my second and final year as President of the First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin. Over the years, I have witnessed the impact the game of golf can make on tens of thousands of children throughout the region.

Currently our chapter serves a nine-county area and reaches over 15,000 kids per year. This is done through summer, after school and in-school programs. Each program aims to deliver life skills and healthy habits while teaching the greatest game there is to play.

How are we able to do this and to continue to expand? Through the efforts and contributions from each of you. Our new strategic plan is aggressive as we aim to double the number of children positively exposed to the game in the next few years. We are working to make sure that we have each type of programming in every county in our area. With your help we can accomplish our objectives.

As my time on the First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin's Board of Directors comes to a close, I would simply like to say THANK YOU! Thank you to each of you for the positive impact you have made on the lives of thousands children, as well as my own. I am forever grateful for your support and friendship.

Joe Stadler is the Executive Director of the Wisconsin PGA and Board President of the Wisconsin Educational Youth Development Foundation, which operates the First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin.

Core Value Corner

Why HONESTY matters

"HONESTY extends well beyond the golf course and teaches kids what is right at home, in school and throughout their community."

Tom Gerke, PGA
Program Director, First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin

"HONESTY gets to the heart of all of our interactions. Without a genuine approach to situations, we're missing the key to positive and productive human connections."

Staci Gruse
Assistant Principal, Milwaukee Academy of Science

"HONESTY is an important pillar of a person's character. Being honest and doing the right thing leads to the development of trustworthy character."

Jeremiah Hoffmann, PGA
First Tee Coach, Fond du Lac

Game Growers



This March, the First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin partnered with the Milwaukee Bucks and the Nike Game Growers program to introduce golf to girls at Notre Dame Middle School in Milwaukee. Game Growers offers eighth-grade girls a chance to come together and use their voices to empower and inspire other girls through sports.

2020 Summer Programs

On-course curriculum teaches golf and life skills

The 2020 summer season kicks off in early June with programs at the following courses:

- Brown Deer Park Golf Course (Milwaukee)
- Dretzka Park Golf Course (Milwaukee)
- Fairways of Woodside Golf Course (Sussex)
- Hansen Park Golf Course (Wauwatosa)
- Lake Park Golf Course (Milwaukee)
- Noyes Park Golf Course (Milwaukee)
- The Legend Clubs (Waukesha)
- The Practice Station (New Berlin)
- Whispering Springs Golf Course (Fond du Lac)

Sessions include a fun, group setting for youth ages 7 to 18 regardless of previous experience with the game.

Thanks to generous donors like you, no participants are turned away because of an inability to pay.

For more information, visit firstteesoutheastwisconsin.org/programs/golf-courses.



Alumni Spotlight

Savannah Vega Schwartz

What have you been doing since participating with the First Tee?

"Since participating with the First Tee, I attended Marquette University as an Evans Scholar. While at Marquette I was in the University's Honors program, started a Women's Club Golf Team, served on the Executive Board of my Evans Scholars chapter, and graduated with honors this past May. I am currently attending Marquette to earn my Masters of Arts in Theology."

What was the most valuable part of your experience with the First Tee?

"The world of golf far exceeds just the sport. It was at a First Tee lesson that I first learned I could earn a full ride scholarship to college (through the Evans Scholarship), and it was at a First Tee lesson that I gained confidence from playing (mainly with boys) that I could compete with them, and even beat them. Those were invaluable lessons helped me to shape me into the successful and confident person that I am today."

How has the First Tee made you a better person?

"The First Tee exposed me to life lessons through golf at an early age. I quickly learned how to respect the environment and people around me, learned the value of a proper handshake at my first lesson, and taught me how to be a competitive but respectful female athlete in a male dominated sport. I will forever be grateful for the sport that has given me countless opportunities."

New School Partners

Delivering the gift of golf in the classroom

Thanks to generous donors like you, over 5,000 new students at the following schools will have access to golf, the First Tee Nine Core Values and Nine Healthy Habits through their physical education classes this year:

- Bethesda Elementary (Waukesha)
- Milwaukee College Prep – Lloyd St. School (Milwaukee)
- Bruce Guadalupe School (Milwaukee)
- Parkway Elementary (Glendale)
- Christ King (Wauwatosa)
- Rose Glen Elementary (Waukesha)
- Milwaukee Math & Science Academy (Milwaukee)
- Summit View Elementary (Waukesha)
- Milwaukee College Prep – 36th St. School (Milwaukee)
- Golda Meir School (Milwaukee)



Do you know an elementary school that would make a great partner? Let us know by contacting 414-727-5290 or info@firstteesew.org.

You're invited!

Join us for our 2020 signature events

Birdies & a Bite to Eat

June 28, South Hills Golf & Country Club, Fond du Lac

Tee to Green Golf Classic Pro-Am & Auction

July 13, The Legend at Bristlecone, Hartland

100 Holes of Golf Marathon

September 13, Hansen Park Golf Course

September 15, Hidden Glen at Bentdale Farms



For more information, visit firstteesoutheastwisconsin.org or contact 414-727-5290 or info@firstteesew.org.

First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin

11350 W. Theodore Trecker Way
West Allis, WI 53214

414-727-5290

info@firstteesew.org

firstteesoutheastwisconsin.org

First Tee Nine Core Values

Honesty · Integrity · Sportsmanship · Respect · Confidence
Responsibility · Perseverance · Courtesy · Judgment

First Tee Nine Healthy Habits

Honesty · Integrity · Sportsmanship · Respect · Confidence
Responsibility · Perseverance · Courtesy · Judgment

The mission of the First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin is to impact the lives of young people and their families by providing educational programs for youth that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.