



Get in the Game Field Trips Bring Kids to Noyes Park

Partnership teaches local youth golf, soccer and tennis

This July, we hosted Get in the Game field trip events for Milwaukee-area summer programs at Noyes Park in partnership with Milwaukee Tennis Education Foundation and America SCORES Milwaukee. This new program offered summer day camp participants an opportunity to learn golf, tennis and soccer and provide additional usage of Noyes for sports-based youth development programming. Partners included 95th Street School, Neu-Life Community Development and Riley Elementary School.

Participants navigated from one sport to another while enjoying a fun-filled day of activities. These field trips emphasize not only the joy that can be had while learning new skills, but also the character development that progresses as positive life values are shared.

Thanks to you and other generous donors like you, field trips like these are possible and are able to inspire the youth in our community to explore their abilities and connect with their peers in a new and foundational way.

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Kids Play for Free

New partnership offers increased access

Along with Milwaukee County Parks, we are excited to announce that kids can now golf for free at Noyes Park Golf Course in Milwaukee. Thanks to a new partnership between our two organizations, junior golfers will be welcomed to play at no cost for the remainder of the 2022 golf season and for the full 2023 golf season.

"We are thrilled to partner with Milwaukee County Parks on this exciting program to make golf more accessible for kids in our community," said Inge Plautz, First Tee – Southeast Wisconsin board president. "We know that cost can be a significant barrier for those learning the game, and we want to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate. Noyes is a tremendous community asset and an outstanding facility for kids and families to play and practice. We are so appreciative of our partnership with Milwaukee County Parks and their support of our vision that all kids in Southeast Wisconsin have the opportunity to build their strength of character through the game of golf."

Noyes features nine par-3 holes ranging from 81 to 107 yards. The green fees will remain the same for all other golfers. The nine-hole rate is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and players with a disability.

For more information about Noyes Park Golf Course, visit firstteesoutheastwisconsin/noyes.



Survey Says...

Each year, parents are asked to provide feedback about their child's experience at their First Tee summer program. Here's what they had to say this year:

"First Tee brought the intimidation factor way down for a new golfer. By the end, it gave him a real boost in confidence. The program made a difference in how he behaves on the golf course and his skillset now allows him to golf with comfort and a positive attitude."

"My child was more polite and patient in everyday life."

"Our kids received individual attention and learned about the game. It's a great program where year after year their skill set grows and so does their love of the sport. They have a great time!"

Summer Programming

Another successful summer of programming has wrapped up. Through serving six locations and over 500 kids, your support brought the game of golf to the children in our community, and it is thanks to you that our reach continues to grow. First Tee believes that golf is a perfect practice ground for learning skills that go far beyond the fairways. At all levels, players have the opportunity to play, learn and appreciate the game of golf and how it relates to life, and this summer was no different.



Local Outreach

Showcasing golf in our community

Thanks to your support, we were able to connect with hundreds of local kids throughout the summer at the following community events. Each event provided a new opportunity to share the First Tee values and introduce new kids to the game.

- Walleye Weekend in Fond du Lac
- Milwaukee's Juneteenth Celebration
- German Fest
- MPS Ultimate Sports Day
- Discovery World Future of Sports Day
- Summerfest Family Fun Days



Fellowship Youth Open

New partnership brings golf organizations together



In partnership with the Fellowship Open, MKE Fellows, WeBlackWeGolf, Kappa League and PGA REACH Wisconsin, we hosted the inaugural Fellowship Youth Open on August 12 at Currie Park Golf Course. Boys and girls within the ages of 13-18 and residing or attending high school in Milwaukee County battled against their peers in a free to play 18-hole tournament for a chance to be invited to play in the Fellowship Open, a community golf outing acknowledging exceptional achievement and recognizing outstanding leadership toward diversity, inclusion and youth empowerment in our community. Beginner golfers participated in a separate youth clinic teaching the fundamentals and introducing them to golf as a sport for life.

FIT Club MKE Fitness Camp

Two-day camp introduces golf and baseball to new kids

In June, we partnered with FIT Club MKE on their Baseball, Golf Skills and Wellness Camp at Lincoln Park in Milwaukee. The two-day camp incorporated a wellness check, baseball, golf skills training, mindfulness activities, and community speakers.

Along with instruction on golf and baseball, yoga, guest speakers and even popsicles rounded out a well-balanced camp full of learning opportunities and fun.



Alumni Spotlight

Rachel Kauflin goes from Noyes to Central Michigan

In what ways did your experience as a First Tee participant guide you on your route to playing collegiate golf?

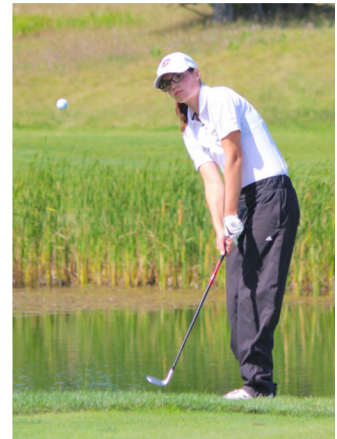
Being a student-athlete and playing competitive golf is something that you have to be passionate about, and it can definitely be a grind. So, when I reflect on where my golf journey started with First Tee and remember that joy of the discovery of the game and wanting to improve, it makes me refocus on the importance of maintaining that same passion and the desire to get better.

How did First Tee help you on and off the course?

First Tee was a supportive, welcoming environment to learn about the fundamentals of golf, course etiquette and how to live with integrity. The program balances the fun of golf with important personal values and teaches you how to apply both.

What makes First Tee special to you?

First Tee is the foundation of my passion for golf and where my love for the game started. The sense of community at Noyes Park along with the fact that First Tee is in it for the right reasons makes me glad that I was a participant.



Rachel Kauflin is a First Tee — Southeast Wisconsin alum and now plays golf at Central Michigan University

(Photo: Central Michigan University)

Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped change lives and swings this summer.

The impact our volunteers provide for our youth is immeasurable, and we would not be able to positively influence our community without their time and commitment to our kids.



For more information on how you can volunteer, visit firstteesoutheastwisconsin.org, contact 414-727-5290 or info@firstteesew.org.



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Building Game Changers

Mission

Our mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf.

Vision

Our vision is that **all** kids in Southeast Wisconsin have the opportunity to build their strength of character through the game of golf.