

Home on the Range



Upcoming Events

100 Holes of Golf Marathon

August 31— Thirteen supporters of First Tee Greater New Orleans will hit the course at Metairie Country Club and try to play a head-spinning 100 holes of golf. Each of these golfers has gathered a team of donors who are showing their support with pledges to our program.

15th Annual First Tee Golf Classic Sponsored by Walmart

NEW DATE! October 20— Due to the extension of Phase 2 guidelines across Louisiana, we have pushed back the date of our Golf Classic. Registration is still open for players and sponsors!

For more information about these and other events, visit the Special Events tab on our website.

Summer session wraps up and fall classes are set to begin



Participants brushing up on their skills this summer.

It was a season that brought its own unique set of challenges. But First Tee coaches, parents, and participants came together to spend another successful session out on the course.

Our staff worked hard to adapt our curriculum to meet the needs of the times. And we're happy to say we had fun doing it!

Over 10 weeks of summer camps and Saturday classes, nearly 500 kids participated in the First Tee program this summer. And now, we're heading into our most in-demand fall session ever. For the first time in First Tee Greater New Orleans history, nearly every class is booked solid.

Golf has been on the rise nationwide as a way to safely get some exercise and enjoy the outdoors with friends while keeping a safe distance. We're so glad to give kids the chance to learn the game at a time when it can be such a valuable part of staying happy and healthy.

For more photos, turn to the back page!



The awards ceremony with Tyla (third from left), Kayla, and First Tee staff

Kayla Andrus and Tyla Keys receive Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust Scholarships

Since 2018, First Tee Greater New Orleans has selected high school seniors who have graduated from the First Tee program for the distinction of receiving Oscar J. Tolmas Scholarships.

The Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust's mission is to spread the legacy and generosity of its namesake, a native of New Orleans who left his full estate in trust in order to support local charities. He was a WWII veteran, lawyer, real estate developer and horse racing enthusiast whose legacy of philanthropy has helped First Tee programs for several years. On August 10th, the Trust continued their support with a \$25,000 grant to be used in 2021 for scholarships for graduating seniors and to cover summer camp fees for students in need.

For the yearly scholarship, students are selected based on exceptional demonstration of First Tee's Nine Core Values – honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, courtesy, sportsmanship, confidence, judgment and perseverance. This year we were pleased to honor Kayla Andrus and Tyla Keys, who both graduated this spring.

Kayla, who plans to continue her work as a videographer and photographer by studying Digital Filmmaking, has graduated from Mount Carmel Academy and will attend Loyola University New Orleans. Tyla Keys, who is interested in studying psychology and biology, has graduated from Academy of The Sacred Heart and will attend Rhodes College.

Congratulations to Kayla and Tyla! We wish them all the best and are so proud of all they've accomplished.



Cori Mitchell

First Tee interns make a big impact

In addition to our year-round staff, First Tee Greater New Orleans programs also count on the support of program interns to deliver our services to as many local youth as possible.

This summer, Cori Mitchell joined us in the midst of an uncertain time to provide crucial help at our summer camps and Saturday classes, along with administrative and operational support. Cori is a Sports Management major entering her senior year at LSU in Baton Rouge. We're very grateful to Cori for her hard work!

Joining us for the fall semester is Alex Suh, a junior in at the Tulane Accelerated Physician Training Program. Welcome, Alex!

For inquiries about future internships, please contact us at customerservice@firstteenola.org.



Alex Suh



Race to the Road Trip participants in 2019

Golf outing scheduled for Race to the Road Trip winners

Throughout the year, our participants over the age of 12 have the chance to earn points for positive activities like participation in the First Tee program, good grades at school, and volunteering. Those who earn enough points win a trip to the Sugar Sands Classic at Lost Key Golf Club & Perdido Bay Golf Club in Florida.

This year our trip was cancelled due to the pandemic, but we had an impressive number of qualifying students. An outing to LaTour Golf Club has been scheduled for September 27th to recognize their hard work throughout the year.

Ariana Blagrove	Sweden Ledet
Matthew Bui	Kobe Narcisse
Teagan Connors	Mallory Noble
Claudia Guenther	Victoria Stephens
Piper Hall	

New Orleans vs. Baton Rouge Ryder Cup set for December

Our First Tee chapter will face off with the East Baton Rouge Parish chapter in late December. Students level Birdie and above are eligible.



Teen participants at the 2019 First Tee National Tournament

A new class of Ace participants begins their certification projects

To complete the final level of the First Tee program, Ace, participants undertake four projects to prepare them for their future.

The first, Enjoy Golf for Life, is a series of skills development and assessments designed to bring their golf game to their own personal best. The second, Plan for Life and Career Possibilities, asks them to think critically about their future in the world of work and take concrete steps towards laying their foundation. In the third, Give Back to the Community, each participant creates and drives their own unique service project. And in the fourth, Explore Educational Opportunities, Ace participants form and take action on plans for their post-high school education.

Each of their projects will be reviewed by an Ace Judging Committee, and those who score a minimum of 80% will be recognized at the national level by the First Tee network.

We are very excited to announce our newest class of Ace participants! Please join us in congratulating them on taking on this new challenge, and wishing them growth and success. We can't wait to see their ideas come to life!

Yazmeen Allen	Kobe Narcisse
Logan Batiste	Mallory Noble
Ngon Bui	Victoria Stephens



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First Tee is getting a brand new look!

Tune in to the Golf Channel during

the TOUR Championship,
starting 9/4!



This year we've begun scheduling a Play Day at the end of each session for students to play a round on a course.



Hula hoops and other props helped our participants remember to keep their personal space during class.



A group of students focusing on their putting skills during summer camp.



Summer camp isn't just golf! Our games got creative when the weather got hot.

OUR MISSION:

To positively impact the lives of young people by providing education programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices — through the game of golf.

SUPPORT US!

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There are so many ways you can support First Tee Greater New Orleans. Please consider donating funds, services, or your time. Your contribution makes a difference! Learn more at www.firstteenola.org