



Sportsmanship Courtesy Honesty

In the fall of 2002 the City & County Denver's junior golf program became the first operational First Tee chapter in Colorado. The First Tee of Denver uses golf as a tool to educate kids physically, academically and socially. The First Tee of Denver offers year round programming at Denver golf courses and area schools. These programs give golf instruction, teach life skills and enhance academic concepts through club building, reading and tutoring activities. In 2004 The First Tee of Denver was able to work with more than 1000 Denver boys and girls.

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Join Us!

The First Tee of Denver is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Our Employer Identification Number is 03-0506671.

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"Building Great Kids & Great Swings"



Who We Are
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WHO WE ARE

The First Tee of Denver staff is comprised of experienced educators, certified golf club makers, and golf professionals. We are committed to providing opportunities for Denver kids to become valuable contributing members of our community.

“Over the two years we have participated in The First Tee program our third grade CSAP reading scores have increased 23%. We feel this program has been one piece of the puzzle in putting together a strategy to accomplish this improvement.”

— Janice Spearman, Columbine Elementary, Principal

“I wish there was a program like this in Denver when I was growing up. The opportunities for the kids in this program are outstanding”

— Tom Woodard, Director of Golf and former PGA player , City of Denver Parks and Recreation

Club Building & Repair

Let The First Tee of Denver’s trained professionals build your next set of clubs. We specialize in Custom Woods, Irons and sets for Men, Women & Juniors at affordable prices. Free custom fitting is also available.

WHAT WE DO

- * Work with schools to provide tutoring and mentoring in reading, math and social skills development.
- * Emphasize academic concepts with practical applications through in-school or after school club building classes.
- * Include life skills instruction as an integral part of every golf instructional session.

Our innovative programs are tailored to the skill levels of participants.

We provide:

- * Year-round programming at Denver golf courses and area schools
- * Competitive programs for interested participants
- * After school programs
- * In-school cooperative P.E. programs
- * Training in club making and club repair
- * Programs on course care & maintenance
- * Jobs to qualified program participants
- * Instruction & play opportunities to parents & juniors
- * An environment in which boys and girls are welcome, safe, and encouraged to succeed

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Awarded three best practices grants for program innovation
- ✓ Built three junior courses dedicated for the practice and play of kids only
- ✓ Recognized by the US Dept. of Education for our innovative public private partnership
- ✓ A First Tee Leadership and Evans scholarship were awarded to a First Tee of Denver participant
- ✓ A First Tee of Denver participant was selected as an Outstanding Leader at Richmond, Virginia Junior Golf Academy
- ✓ Provide employment for 12 summer youth workers annually
- ✓ The First Tee of Denver had two qualifiers and one finalist and ultimate champion for the final round of The First Tee Open at Pebble Beach. Qualifying for this tournament required more than golf proficiency. Applicants had to supply recommendations from teachers and adult mentors, and high academic scores.
- ✓ Invited to be presenters at The First Tee 2005 annual meeting

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