

The First Tee of Fort Worth

Program Information and Orientation

PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

- Attend classes, report on time.
- Wear appropriate golf clothing, closed toed, athletic shoes, neat shirt, shorts or pants. Hats must face forward.
- Bring class materials to all classes – Yardage book, bag-tag, and clubs.
- Homework assignments should be completed and written down in yardage book where applicable.
- Observe The First Tee Code of Conduct - Respect yourself, Respect Others and Respect your surroundings. Be safe at all times with equipment and while playing golf. Please leave the Ben Hogan Learning Center and other facilities better than when you arrived.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

The First Tee experience uses the concept of experiential learning and requires each participant and family to invest in the program. Your support in helping this happen is appreciated.

- Please make every effort to arrive on time. Class will begin at the starting time.
- **STUDENT CHECK IN EACH WEEK WILL BE IN THE LEARNING CENTER** or otherwise specified.
- Please make sure that participants are picked up promptly after the session.
- Parents are invited to stay and observe the teaching session each week but may not participate in the instruction during the class or interact directly with their children during class sessions. Parent Observation areas are located at the Ben Hogan Learning Center and in the picnic area. We have a **50-yard** parent rule during classes.

PAYMENT POLICIES

We have grown tremendously over the past few years and we can no longer hold spots, unless they have been paid for. If you have not completed your Financial Aid Application the same as above will apply. We can take check or credit card in person or you can call and pay with credit card over the phone. If you have a Military voucher, please bring that on the first day of class.

REFUND POLICY

If you have paid but desire a refund for any reason you must contact us 48 hours in advance of the class starting to regain a full refund. After 48 hours, we will only issue you a credit for future use.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

The First Tee of Fort Worth has taken steps to make our programs more enjoyable and safer for the children who participate in them. We do our best to ensure that our staff members are the kind of role models for children who represent the values of The First Tee.

- We will do our best to teach the curriculum of both Golf and Life Skills in an organized and fun manner.
- We will attempt to get to know every participant involved in the program and provide them with a solid background in the fundamentals of the game of golf.
- We will do our best to model the Core Values of The First Tee and insist that our students do the same.
- We will strive to make the game of golf fun and affordable for your children and include the entire family in as many events as possible.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER - Most classes will take place, rain or shine unless the weather is dangerous for travel. We will post cancellation information on our website, our Facebook page and on our general information line 75 minutes prior to class time should that occur. (Website is www.thefirstteefw.org - phone # 817-420-9370 – Facebook is thefirstteefw)

GOLF EQUIPMENT OPTIONS

Golf equipment will be provided to any participant in The First Tee of Fort Worth program who does not have their own equipment for a one-time fee of \$10. The first-time clubs are requested is the only time a participant will pay for clubs. As they advance in the program.

Jr. Links, Player and Par level - 1 metal wood, 2 irons, putter, bag, balls, tees.

Birdie 1 and above - full set of clubs to include at least 2 metal woods, 5 irons, wedge, putter, bag, balls, tees.

Clubs will not necessarily be matched sets at the Jr. Links, Player and Par levels and will normally be clubs that we have cut down and lightened for junior use. **If your child drops out of golf for any reason, we request that clubs and bag be returned to The First Tee office.**

Every participant in the program is eligible to receive a \$10 set of starter clubs. This is a one-time fee that is paid during registration process. As participants outgrow their clubs they may trade-in for longer clubs as they continue in the program at no cost. Clubs to new participants will be issued the first day of class at sign-in location. Clubs are used junior clubs or adult clubs that are cut down to match a player's height. New TGA junior clubs may be purchased at a discounted price online. [Click here for ordering information.](#)

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The First Tee of Fort Worth Bag Tags will be issued to all Life Skills participants. Players must show their Bag Tags **WITH a 2019 STICKER** when presenting course vouchers, accessing playing discounts at area courses and to access free range balls at the Practice Facility at Rockwood GC. **Please carry your bag tag with you in or on your golf bag always.**

Practice Facility Access Options -2019 Options

1. **Rockwood**, - **FREE** range access, **except** during times when The First Tee programming is operating. The First Tee staff will allot 3 spots on the programming side of the driving range during program hours. Present membership card to the golf shop staff during open hours and check in with The First Tee staff during program hours.
2. **Benbrook Driving Range** - **FREE** Medium range bucket with valid membership card. Check in with golf shop staff or utilize sign-in sheet at facility.
3. **Leonard Golf Links** – **1 FREE medium bucket** per visit. Check in with golf shop staff and present valid membership card.
4. **Squaw Creek Golf Club Practice** - \$2 bag of range balls. \$5 for daily fee to practice at short game area. Present valid membership card in golf shop.
5. **Hawks Creek** - \$3 bag of range balls. Present valid membership card in pro-shop.

Golf Course Access Options – Please call any facility in advance to check availability

1. **City of Fort Worth Courses** – Rivers Edge (Short Course at Rockwood) **FREE** Golf with valid membership card at any time course is open to public. Check in with golf shop staff. (The Rivers Edge course is an “all day” play green fee) Rockwood Golf Course - \$6 during off-peak times (after 1pm on weekends) and during the weekdays when tee times are available.
2. **City of Fort Worth Courses** -Pecan Valley Hills, Sycamore Creek, & Meadowbrook. \$10 for 3 round Vouchers purchased from The First Tee Ben Hogan Learning Center must show valid membership card.
3. **Benbrook Par 3** - **FREE** Golf with valid membership card. Sign-in with golf shop staff.
4. **Hawks Creek Golf Course** - \$3 rounds at non-peak times with presentation of valid membership card. (Usually after 2pm)
5. **Squaw Creek Golf Course** - \$5 round of golf at non-peak times with presentation of valid membership card. (Usually after 2pm on weekends and weekdays)

IN ALL CASES ABOVE, DISCOUNTS APPLY ONLY TO STUDENTS IN THE FIRST TEE PROGRAM AND NOT FOR ADULTS OR NON-MEMBERS. ALWAYS CALL IN ADVANCE TO CHECK AVAILABILITY ON EACH COURSE. THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE PRIVILEGES AND THE FIRST TEE CODE OF CONDUCT APPLIES.

Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect Your Surroundings. The facility operators have the right to deny access to participants if the Code of Conduct is not observed by participants or parents.

In addition, the City of Fort Worth offers the following families play discount and special. Check out www.fortworthgolf.org for current specials.

Rockwood - 1851 Jacksboro Hwy, Fort Worth, 76114 / 817-624-1771 / www.fortworthgolf.org
Benbrook Par 3 - 1590 Beach Road, Benbrook, 76126 / 817-249-3727 / www.benbrook3par.com
Squaw Creek - 1605 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park, TX 76087 / 817 441-8185 <http://cera-fw.org/golf/>
Meadowbrook - 1815 Jensen Road, Fort Worth, 76112 / 817-457-4616 / www.fortworthgolf.org
Pecan Valley - 6400 Pecan Valley Drive, Fort Worth, 76132 / 817-249-1845 / www.fortworthgolf.org
Sycamore Creek - 401 MLK Jr. Freeway, Fort Worth, 76104 / 817-535-7241 www.fortworthgolf.org
Leonard Golf Links - 3200 Chapel Creek Blvd., 76116 / 817-560-0200 / www.leonardgolflinks.com
Hawks Creek Golf Course - 6520 White Settlement Road, Westworth Village, TX 76114/ (817) 738-8402
www.hawkscreek.com

THE FIRST TEE OF FORT WORTH Class Information

JR LINKS – Ages 5-6

The course works primarily on the fundamentals of golf and introducing several core values. Will use SNAG (Starting New at Golf) equipment and traditional equipment during instruction. Students will remain in Junior Links until they reach 7 years old and are eligible for PLAYER class..

PLAYER – Ages 7-11

This PLAYER level class will provide an initial introduction to the Life Skills Lessons and Golf Curriculum at the Player level. The focus at the Player level is the intentional use of the Nine Core Values in both golf and life settings, fundamental instruction as well as becoming familiar and comfortable on the golf course. Students in Player will also play the golf course in a class setting 1 times during the season which counts towards their playing requirements for this level. Certification will take place during the 2nd session of attending this level and each student will be required to successfully complete all requirements and document the appropriate rounds of golf as required. Students “graduating” to the next level of the curriculum will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement at the end of the season.

PLAYER – 12 and Older.

Participants 12 and Older will sign up for **Combined Par and PLAYER 12 and older class**. This class is designed for a participant that is 12 and older to be exposed to our 9 core values as well as our Par Life Skills. At the end of 8 weeks of class a participant that has attended all classes will have the opportunity to take the PLAYER certification test to become PLAYER certified and reach the Par level. The participant will also receive hours towards their PAR level of 36 needed hours to certify out of the PAR level.

PLAYER – High School

Participants in High School will join the **Combined Par and PLAYER 12 and older class**. This opportunity is designed for our high school participants to be exposed to the PLAYER and PAR curriculums and they will have the ability to test out of both levels at the end of one session if they attend all classes. The participant has to complete both the PLAYER books and the PAR books, take both tests, and be able to pass the golf skills at the PAR level to advance to Birdie level.

PAR Level

Participants will move to **Par** upon successful completion of Player certification requirements. Par will continue to focus on fundamental golf instruction and Life Skills that promote positive attitudes and behaviors both on and off the golf course.

BIRDIE Level

Participants will move to **Birdie** upon successful completion of Par certification requirements. Birdie will focus on the development of critical Life Skills in the area of goal setting and decision-making as well as more intensive golf instruction.

EAGLE Level

Participants will move to **Eagle** upon successful completion of Birdie Certification requirements. Eagle will focus on Life Skills associated with conflict-resolution, decision-making skills, planning for the future and developing Go-To teams. Golf instruction will focus on the development of participant's own golf methods, becoming knowledgeable in all areas of golf as well as the opportunity to serve the chapter as a volunteer.

ACE Level

The **ACE** classes will have opportunities for on-course play and instruction at the practice facility. ACE consists of 4 individual projects to be completed under the supervision of a The First Tee Coach. Age requirement – must be enrolled in high school.

BEGINNER Competitor

Beginner Competitor class is a great way for our participants to get more prepared for competitive golf. Ages 7-18. Must be in Par class. This is an additional option and can be signed up for along with another life skills class.

ADVANCED Competitor

Advanced Competitor-Saturdays from 11am-12:30pm. Advanced Competitor is an intensive, mentally challenging class designed for participants ages 12-18 who have demonstrated competitive success outside of The First Tee events and who aspire to successfully play high school and/or college golf. Participants must receive the recommendation of a member of the coaching staff, be enrolled in at least the Birdie level with handicap or average score of 95 or lower and have been a member of The First Tee program for a minimum of 2 years. All registrations for advanced competitor are pending coach approval. This class will play golf every other week and possibly will play at other locations other than Rockwood. Look for weekly communication from your coaches for this class.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST TEE OF FORT WORTH

Phone: 817-420-9370

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Email: info@thefirstteefortworth.org Website: www.thefirstteefortworth.org

Physical Address: 1900 Rockwood Park Drive North, Fort Worth, TX 76114

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4767, Fort Worth, TX 76164

During Season Hours Monday-Friday 9am-7:30 pm and Saturday 8am-3pm.

Off Season Hours Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm and Saturday 9am-3pm.