



Program Overview & Policies

Welcome to First Tee – Silicon Valley!

First Tee - Silicon Valley develops youth through golf. We enable kids and teens to build the strength of character that empowers them through a lifetime of new challenges. By seamlessly integrating the game of golf with a life skills curriculum, we create active learning experiences that build inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience that kids can carry to everything they do.

Stay Updated and Be an Ally

- Our "Fore! Families" weekly email is sent each Tuesday providing specific information about our class resources, upcoming events, and opportunities.
- Our 'Private Participant Page' (PPP) contains parent resources videos and supporting documents. Please help us reinforce our Life Skills and help make the experience fun for your participant.
 - Visit our website, firstteesiliconvalley.org
 - Click the PRIVATE button (top of the home page),
 - Click "Participants & Families" (password - Class23).
- Questions?
 - English - Tue-Sat (10am-6pm) reg@ftsv.org or 408.508.4880
 - Spanish – Tue – Sat (10am-6pm) victor@ftsv.org or 650. 887.7042
 - Saturday (9:30am- 1:30pm) lina@ftsv.org or 408.508.4886

Why We Exist:

- Building character to help youth succeed in life.

How We Coach:

- Provide a supportive, safe, and positive environment where relationships can form and students feel welcomed, empowered, and included.
- Engage participants by creating an activity-based experience where participants learn and apply our life and golf skill curriculum through participation in our games.
- Deliver process-focused coaching to build a growth mindset for participants.

What We Coach

- 3 parts to the curriculum – Life Skills, Golf Cues, Golf Ready
- 6 Life Skills, 6 Golf Cues, 6 Golf Ready concepts taught across all grade groups
- Each Life Skill and Golf Cue has four related tools (variations), each with three tips, one for each grade group (24 total lessons)

- Each week the different grade groups will learn one tool from each of the three parts – Life Skill, Golf Cue, Golf Ready.

Classes and Grade Groups

- Classes are organized over (4) Grade Groups so peers stay together.
- Grade Groups
 - Grades 2-4 – Practice, Course, Play
 - Grades 5-6 – Practice, Course, Play, Rounds
 - Grades 7-8 – Practice, Course, Play, Rounds
 - Grades 9-12 – Practice, Course, College, Career, Golf, Give Back
- Practice = 6 of 8 weeks on practice areas; open to all skill levels
- Course = 6 of 8 weeks on golf course; open to all skill levels
- Play – 8 weeks on golf course; 9-holes supervised
- Rounds – 8 weeks on golf course; 9-holes unsupervised
- College – 8-week seminar; fall only; 10th grade and up
- Career – 8-week seminar; spring only; 10th grade and up
- Golf – 6 of 8-weeks on practice areas, summer only; 10th grade and up
- Give Back – 8-week seminar; winter only; 9th grade and up

Achievement

- There are FTSV Golf and Life Skill Achievement Challenges and “standards” for each Grade Group.
- Achievement is NOT tied to progression or next class
- Achievement challenges help participants set goals and take ownership over their skill development.
- FTSV achievements are the result of participants successfully completing the following Grade Group Life and Golf Skill challenges for Practice and Course:
 - Golf Skill Challenges – Practice (Week 7)
 - Life Skills Challenges – Practice (Week 8)
 - Golf Ready Challenges – Course (Week 7)
 - Scorecard Challenge – Course, Play, or Rounds (Week 8)
 - Life Skills Challenges – Course (Week 8)
- To attain the FTSV achievement challenges for each grade group, a Practice class and Course class must be taken.
- Participants are also encouraged to set their own achievement goals if the challenge standards are too low or too high.
- It is important to repeat sessions for retention of information and for pursuing personal goals.

Policies

- Attendance - Inform staff about absences one week prior. We have a big waiting list so please make sure you notify us if you cannot make the season.
- Punctuality - arrive 10 min early.
- Late policy - 1 minute after class starts, participant will be turned away.
- Attendance policy – We encourage participants to not miss more than 2 sessions (classes). Challenges take place weeks 7 and 8. No make-ups.
- Check in/out – parents/guardians walk students to and from the check in/out table. Arrive early, especially week 1
- Spectating - Must stay 25 yards away during class. Let the coaches coach. However, it is important to consistently check in with coaches and staff before or after class.
- Dress code – pockets, athletic shoes. Varies at other courses.
- Clubs provided for all levels if needed. We have a leasing program for those on financial aid and a purchasing option for everyone else while supplies last. Contact coach Manny and talk to program staff.
- Rain policy – class held rain or shine. For extreme weather (lighting or rain under 50 degrees) we may cancel class. Email weather@tftsv.org at 11am of the same day to get an update on class and by 6pm on Friday for Saturday classes. Credits will be issued if more than 2 classes are cancelled.
- Cancellation Policy – Full refund if you cancel registration before the published registration deadline. No refunds will be given if the cancellation is made after the registration deadline. You must email reg@ftsv.org to notify us of cancellation.
- Make-Ups – For logistical reasons there will be no option to make-up classes by taking a class at a different time or day.
- Late admin fee - If registration occurs after the published registration deadline, a fee equal to 25% of the class fee will be incurred (this does not apply to waitlisted participants being placed in a class by FTSV staff).
- Full class payment must be received before participant can join the class.
 - In the case of a no-show on the first day of class (without notification), the participant will be removed from class and the next person on the waitlist will be admitted. *Notify by emailing reg@ftsv.org

Opportunities

- Participants are offered several opportunities every year. Some opportunities are unique to FTSV and some are administered by FT Headquarters.
 - FTSV – Scholarships, Seasonal Tournaments, Girls Golf, NCGA Youth On Course, Field Trips, Appreciation Events Parent Clinics, Speaking, Leadership Academies, Discount Cards and more!
 - National Opportunities – Scholarships, Leadership Academies, Tournaments, & more!

- To be eligible for National Opportunities participants must
 - Complete challenges in Grades 9-12 Practice and Course
 - Participate in FTSV for a minimum of 3 years and take a minimum of 2 sessions per year.
- Visit our [Youth Opportunities](#) page for more info.

Volunteering

- As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on volunteer assistance.
- Volunteer coaches – assist as life and golf skill coaches. 1 class per week (same day each week) for 2.5 hours per class.
- Administrative volunteers - assist with check-in/check-out at our locations during season.
- Please go to <https://www.firstteesiliconvalley.org/about/volunteer/> and click on 'Volunteer Form' to get started. You must be through the onboarding process before: March 1st (Spring), June 1st (Summer), August 10th (Fall) or November 10th (Winter) in order to volunteer for the next session.

We look forward to meeting you this season!