



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 - Class24).
- 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 and Heat policy – class held rain or shine. Classes cancelled if temperature is under 50 degrees AND raining or exceeds the temperature + humidity on our head index chart. For extreme weather (flooding, lightning, smoke, and extreme heat) we may cancel class. Email weather@ftsv.org at 11am of the same day to get an update on class and at 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 apply for the National Opportunities participants are encouraged to
 - 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.
 - Our team sends out a Google Form sheet to high schoolers with details on the national opportunities, and then they are selected to apply based on their engagement in our program and whether they meet the national opportunity requirements.
 - Visit our [Youth Opportunities](#) page for more info.
- All high school participants can now take part in our Ace - Plan Your Future 8-week classes. These are seminar classes that meet in our office (except for the golf project) where they learn to apply FTSV lessons to the real world. There are (4) 8-week sessions, each with optional post-class projects.
 - Education - financial planning for college (budgeting, saving, grants, scholarships), college application process, school identification/exploration strategies.
 - Career - resume-building, interview skills, transferable/adaptive/content skill development, and professional correspondence.
 - Golf - Golf psychology, optimal practice habits.
 - Volunteer - Going above and beyond, learning transferable skills, networking, professionalism
- Parent/Guardian Clinics
 - In November of each year, we host a parent clinic where parents/guardians can sign up for a group golf lesson from our staff. Contact phoenix@ftsv.org for more details.

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!

