

## Meet the Coaches



### Coach Robby

Started playing golf at an early age. "I have been walking Rancho del Pueblo with my dad since I was 2, and have been playing ever since." Favorite aspect of coaching is "building a rapport with the participants and other coaches. The First Tee as always felt like family." Besides golf, Robby enjoys football, basketball, and soccer, video games and watching educational youtube videos.



### Coach Jack

Started playing golf at age 13 with his father in Stamford, Connecticut. Favorite aspect of coaching is "Watching students grow - physically in technical aspects of sport, and all round sportsmanship." Besides golf, Jack enjoys snorkeling, hiking and reading.



### Coach Advaiith

Started playing golf at age 4. Favorite aspect of coaching is "helping students learn about golf but more importantly life skills." Besides golf, Advaiith enjoys basketball and working out.

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### **Coach Bruce**

Started playing golf at age 10 in Minnesota. Favorite aspect of coaching is "Connecting with youth helps me stay mentally young and gives me great hope about the future of our planet." Besides golf, Bruce enjoys collecting memorabilia and learning bass guitar. Also loves the big screen TV too.



### **Coach Ron**

Started playing golf at age 12. Favorite aspect of coaching is "Making a difference in the life of a young person, whether in the form of improving their golf skills or helping them understand the importance of core values." Besides golf, Ron enjoys board games, coaching/mentoring, traveling.



### **Coach Kwaz**

Started playing golf in high school with friends. Favorite aspect of coaching is "the special smiles and enthusiasm of the kids and the week-to-week improvements they make." Besides golf, Kwaz enjoys staying fit and is a little bit of a wine geek.

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### Coach Gracie

Started playing golf at age 4 with her dad. Favorite aspect of coaching is "creating bonds with my participants and being able to be someone they can come to for advice and help." Besides golf, Gracies enjoys baking.



### Coach Tiffany

Started playing golf recently, within the last few months. Favorite aspect of coaching is "Guiding students in their learning process and witnessing them overcome the challenges they face is extremely fulfilling!" Besides golf, Tiffany enjoys baking, reading books, going out to eat, watching TV shows, exercising, and traveling.



### Coach Kaohu

Started playing golf after receiving first set of clubs 15 years ago in high school. Started avidly golfing for the past 5 years. Favorite aspect of coaching is "that it's a way to give back to this new generation. It is a way to connect with kids and show them the values of life through sport." Besides golf, Kaohu enjoys coaching baseball, going to the beach and eating out at all the different cuisines.

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### Coach Shelby

Started playing golf leisurely in my freshman year of high school and competitively at the end of my Junior year. Favorite aspect of coaching is "I enjoy helping athletes find their passions as coaching to me is about learning and exploring who we are and having fun in the process." Besides golf, Shelby reading the latest sci-fi books, playing video games, eating tacos with my friends, or out on the soccer pitch playing and coaching!



### Coach Kyle

Started playing golf at age 10 "with my Mom's wooden clubs. Thank goodness for First Tee". Favorite aspect of coaching is "Bringing the best out in the kids—making them believe in themselves." Besides golf, Kyle enjoys cars, motorcycles and wildlife.



### Coach Amanda

Started playing golf in the eighth grade. Favorite aspect of coaching is "interacting with students and seeing their progression throughout the program, both in the game of golf and beyond". Besides golf, Amanda enjoys making bracelets with different materials, crocheting, collecting stones, and reading.

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### **Coach Trevor**

Started playing golf 21 years ago in the far far land of Massachusetts. Favorite aspect of coaching is "Every student learns in a different way, and I love the mental challenge of understanding how each student learns best and tailoring the lesson to their preferences." Besides golf, Trevor enjoys running and programming.



### **Coach Tyler**

Started playing golf as a child. Played for fun and casually, now as an adult Tyler tries to play every week. Favorite aspect of coaching is "Helping children grow love for the sport and improving their desire to be better athletes." Besides golf, Tyler enjoys Wakeboarding, snowboarding, basketball (Go Warriors), and sustainable gardening.



### **Coach Howie**

Started playing golf in Junior High, and then starting playing later in his forties. Favorite aspect of coaching is "Seeing how our participants learn and grow, & how they carry our core values with them." Besides golf, Howie enjoys his tropical reef aquarium and helping with local guide-dog training group.

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### Coach Elias

Started playing golf at at the age of 10 at Mariners Pointe golf course. Favorite aspect of coaching is "watching all the different ways people grow and utilize the skills we teach doing something they enjoy. It is empowering and fulfilling helping children of all ages!" Besides golf, Elias enjoys playing video games, going to the gym, and making music.



### Coach Rob

Started playing golf at age 25. Favorite aspect of coaching is "Giving back to First Tee because of what the program has provided my family." Besides golf, Rob enjoys playing music and spending time with family.



### Coach John

Started playing golf in 2009 as a First Tee participant. Favorite aspect of coaching is "being a resource for people. I don't ever like to keep my knowledge to myself. Having resources will provide success in achieving Golf and Life Skills. An example I have shared to FTSV include providing workouts for the Eagle student that emphasize them to use their core while golfing." Besides golf, John enjoys Tennis, Video Games, Orangetheory Fitness, and Car Shows.

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### Coach Keith

Started playing golf at 18. Favorite aspect of coaching is "interaction with the participants. Watching them try new things and grow as individuals." Besides golf, Keith enjoys Hiking, biking, and reading.



### Coach Ryan

Started playing golf sophomore year of high school, with First Tee. Favorite aspect of coaching is the long lasting impact it can have on kids. Building relationships with the younger generation and community. Seeing improvements that make differences in their life choices. Besides golf, Ryan enjoys I love film, photography, sports, camping and spending time with my family.



### Coach Elora

Started playing golf at " age 9/10 with my dad and brother at Rancho." Favorite aspect of coaching is "Building relationships with others. Not only the participants but also the coaches, volunteers, course staff, and participant supports." Besides golf, "Pool, Photography, Poetry, Reading, Advocacy and Activism, Music, Local Shows, Art, Parks and Hikes, Cruisin', and Stoop Chills."

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### Coach Tivi

Started playing golf at age 10. Favorite aspect of coaching is "empowering others with something new and fun they can relate to and remember for the future." Besides golf, Tivi enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking, and spring cleaning on my free time at home.



### Coach Chris

Started playing golf at age 10. Favorite aspect of coaching is "being able to help someone develop their confidence and take ownership over what they learn. I also enjoy finding and helping others see what they are doing well." Besides golf, Chris enjoys Soccer, golf, badminton, hiking, cooking, reading, movies, and playin violin like a guitar.



### Coach Manny

Enjoys being a role model and instilling knowledge and values to participants that... "I didn't receive until I was a young adult." Manny started playing golf with his father and brother at age 10. Besides golf, Manny enjoys drawing, table top games, anime and watching mixed martial arts.



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### Coach Joe

Started playing golf at age 4 with his father. Favorite aspect of coaching is "watching the kids get excited when they succeed, and helping them grow and excel." Besides golf, Joe enjoys playing video games, D&D, going to concerts and painting miniatures.



### Coach Phoenix

Started playing golf at age 3, learning from his grandfather. Favorite aspect of coaching is "passing along lessons and skills to the youth. It is extremely rewarding and makes me feel like I am making a difference. I also really like teaching kids puns they have never heard before." Besides golf, Phoenix enjoys live music events and hanging out with friends.



### Coach Tanner

Started playing golf after graduating college. Favorite aspect of coaching is "I grew up with great Coaches and mentors that shared their knowledge and wisdom with me through sports. As I got older, I realized it was my turn to help people uncover their full potential through the lessons I've learned.". Besides golf, Tanner enjoys basketball, bike riding, and cooking.

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### Coach Felix

Started playing golf in the 8th grade. Favorite aspect of coaching is "watching golfers improve and as a result share the game of golf with others". Besides golf, Felix enjoys exercising or reading a good book.



### Coach Judy

Started playing golf at age 10. Favorite aspect of coaching is "the Personal Par lesson most where she can help kids set their own personal goals on the golf course and in their everyday life." Besides golf, Judy enjoys country concerts, watching pro sports or volunteering at Holy Spirit Catholic Parish.