

## Meet the Coaches



### 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 Austin

Started playing golf at age 14. His grandma taught him how to play. Favorite aspect of coaching... "Sports, and golf especially, taught me so many life lessons growing up. It's amazing being on the other end of that, helping kids learn and grow as people while challenging themselves and having fun." Besides golf, Austin plays disc golf, rock climbing, watching soccer, playing guitar, and spending time with friends and family.



### Coach Alexia

Started playing golf the summer before first year in high school. Favorite aspect of coaching is "the kids! Everyday us a blessing to be able to learn and grow from working with kids. Being able to be apart of their life is a key way to understand how I can be the best leader." Besides golf, Alexia loves to bake, cook, draw, journal, hike and try new restaurants.

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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 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 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 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.



### 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 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.

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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 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 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.

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### 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 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 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.



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### 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.



### Coach Katelyn

Started playing golf at age 5. Favorite aspect of coaching is "getting to share my passion for golf with other kids who are also excited to play. Seeing their faces light up when they finished hitting a good shot or accomplished a goal..." Besides golf, Katelyn enjoys shopping at thrift stores, sketching in nature, and taking her dog on hikes.



### Coach Isaiah

Started playing golf at age 3. Favorite aspect of coaching is "I enjoy seeing kids get excited about the sport that they love." Besides golf, Isaiah enjoys playing golf but i also enjoy playing musical instruments and playing video games with my wife.

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### Coach Borina

Started playing golf in 2012. Favorite aspect of coaching "is "working with youngsters and being able to share what I've learned in the past". Besides golf, Borina enjoys music. Playing instruments including piano, clarinet, flute and percussion. Also likes swimming and tennis.



### Coach Shivam

Started playing golf in the 5th grade. Favorite aspect of coaching is "fostering kids' passion for golf while growing their skills and confidence along the way." Besides golf, Shivam is an avid photographer, and is a second degree blackbelt in taekwondo.



### 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.

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### 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 Daniel

Started playing golf recently. Favorite aspect of coaching is "connecting with kids and to see them enjoying the sport of golf. Besides golf, Daniel enjoys weightlifting, reading and working hard.



### Coach Juan

Started playing golf in the 4th grade. Favorite aspect of coaching is "creating a positive impact". Besides golf, Juan enjoys hiking, sailing, kayaking, playing sports and reading.



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### 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.



### 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.



### 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.

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### Coach Alexandra

Started playing golf at age 15. Favorite aspect of coaching “ is the community. Since I first started, other coaches and volunteers have helped me transition into my leadership role. They are people I can rely on and who have helped me grow as a person. Improving my skills has allowed me to become the best version of myself for my students in the classes and outside of FT.” Besides golf, Alexandra plays lacrosse, visiting friends and family, going on walks and finding new food spots.



### Coach Deigo

Started playing golf in 2004. Favorite aspect of coaching is “working with the person to achieve their foals and seeing them come to fruition.” Besides golf, Diego likes cooking, gardening, bicycles, dancing and traveling.



### Coach Jessica

Started playing in PE at school and won all the mini games played. Favorite aspect of coaching is “ being able to teach the younger generation... being able to be their comfort person while teaching them something new.” Besides golf, Jessica likes to read and watch movies.

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### 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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