

Meet the Coaches



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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 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.

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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 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 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.

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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 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 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.

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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.



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 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.

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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.



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 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 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 Joshua

Started playing golf at 5 years old. Favorite aspect of coaching is "Being able to see how students grow in skill level and guiding them in the right direction". Besides golf, Joshua enjoys Music Production, Video Games, and Speedcubing.

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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.



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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 Joshua

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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.



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 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.



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.