



Program Overview & Policies

Welcome to The First Tee of Silicon Valley!

Our mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

Stay Updated

- Our “Fore! Families” weekly email is sent each Tuesday providing specific information about upcoming events, deadlines, and opportunities.
- Our ‘Private Participant Page’ (PPP) contains parent resources, and video resources.
 - Visit our website, thefirstteesiliconvalley.org
 - Click the PRIVATE button (top of the home page),
 - Click “Participants & Families” (password ‘par20’).
- Questions?
 - English - Tue-Fri (10am-6pm) reg@tftsv.org or 408.288.2934
 - Spanish – Friday (9am-6pm) lina@tftsv.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.

What We Coach

- Life Skills and Golf Skills seamlessly integrated into golf games and activities
- Certifying Life Skills Classes - 27 Life Lessons throughout 5 levels:
 - **PLAYer (2nd Grade and Up) = Nine Core Values**
 - **PLAYer Teen (6TH Grade and Up) = Nine Core Values**
 - **Par (3rd Grade and Up) = Communication and Self-Management Tools**
 - **Birdie (5th Grade and Up) = Goal Setting**
 - **Eagle 7th (Grade and Up) = Resilience Skills, Conflict Resolution, Advanced Interpersonal and Self-Management Tools**
 - **Ace (9th Grade and up) = 4 Projects - Career Development, Post High School Education, Volunteerism, Advanced Mental & Physical Golf Training.**
- Golf Skills - 9 Golf Fundamentals each with Factor of Influences
- Skills Advancement Classes – Offered to Par level & up. Designed for golf development
 - Golf Rounds, Golf Play, Golf STEM

LSE Class Progression

Levels

- The First Tee has five levels (PLAYer, Par, Birdie, Eagle, Ace).
- The program starts at the **PLAYer Part 1*** regardless of golf skills.
- 6th grade and up should take PLAYer Teen
- Participants must complete the Part 1 & Part 2 class and each certification requirement to demonstrate they are ready for the next level.
- The progression is as follows:
 - **PLAYer Part 1 → PLAYer Part 2***
 - **Par Part 1 (3rd grade+) → Par Part 2****
 - **Birdie Part 1 (5th grade+) → Birdie Part 2**
 - **Eagle Part 1 (7th grade+) → Eagle Part 2**
 - **Ace (9th grade+)**

***PLAYer Teen (6th grade and above) → **Par Teen**

***Par Teen (6th grade and above) → Birdie Part 1**

*SportsHouse classes are PLAYer Part 1 only. PLAYer Part 2 transitions to Baylands Golf Links (BAY)

Certification

- What goes into certification:
 - Convey all Nine Core Values
 - Exhibit core life lessons
 - Complete post class assignment
 - Complete certification of golf and life skills assessments
 - Be grade eligible (see above)
- When: Certification is done during lessons #6 and #7 of the season. (8 lessons per season)
- How to prepare: The following items are available on our PPP. Password: par20
 - Review sheets – provides certification requirements, book pages, and information included on the written assessments.
 - External Scorecard document and video – provides details on the playing (golf rounds) requirement for Par level and above participants.
 - Core lesson videos – provides a description of each core lesson
 - Golf Cue videos (PLAYer and Par levels) – provides a description of our golf cues for participants to practice outside of class.
- Repetition encouraged. Students can spend one to two years at each level.
- We use “ready or not ready” for the next level instead of “pass or fail.”

Policies

- Attendance - no make ups, please inform instructor about absences one week prior
- Punctuality - arrive 10 min early
- Late Policy - 1 minute after class starts, participant will not be admitted into class.
- Attendance Policy – can miss up to 2 classes and still be eligible to move into the next level.
- Check In/Out – parents/guardians walk students to and from the check in/out table
- Parent Responsibilities – Help participants absorb life lessons. 25 yards away during class.
- Dress Code – Pockets, sunscreen, athletic shoes (recommended - collared shirt, no denim)
- Clubs provided for all levels if needed. Par level & above are encouraged to purchase clubs

- Rain Policy – class held rain or shine. Canceled if under 50 degrees AND severe weather conditions (i.e. lightning, thunder). Check email/website 1 hour prior to class start time.
 - Email weather@tftsv.org to receive an update on the day’s class status.
- Cancellation Policy – Full refund if you cancel registration before the published **registration date**. No refunds will be given if the cancellation is made after the registration deadline. You must email reg@tftsv.org to notify us of cancellation.
 - + In the event of a public health emergency, we will follow guidance from the Santa Clara County Department of Health. Stay home if you are sick.
- 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 TFTSV staff).
- Sibling discount is no longer given automatically. Sibling discounts may now be requested like any other financial aid request.
- 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@tftsv.org

Parent Responsibilities

- Reinforce Core Lessons of the week at home - ask a coach or TFTSV staff member and they will be happy to provide a recap of what was covered in class.
- Help your child absorb the life lessons. Be an active listener and a supporter.
- Do not carry your child’s golf bag (help us to promote participant responsibility).
- Stay updated by reading the “Fore Families!” email each Tuesday.
- Check out our parent resources on our private page.

Opportunities

- For Par level & above – Participants are offered several opportunities every year. Some opportunities are unique to TFTSV and some are administered by TFT Headquarters.
 - TFTSV – Scholarships, Seasonal Tournaments, Girls Golf, NCGA Youth On Course, Field Trips, Clinics, Speaking, Leadership Academies, and more!
 - TFT Headquarters – Scholarships, Leadership Academies, Tournaments, & more!
 - Visit our Youth Opportunities page for more info.

Volunteering

- As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on volunteer assistance.
- Volunteer coaches - assist as mentors in classes for 2.5 hours per class.
- Administrative volunteers - assist with check-in/check-out at our locations during season.
- Please go to <https://www.thefirstteesiliconvalley.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/> and click on ‘Contact Us’ to get started. You must be through the onboarding process before: February 15th (Spring) , May 15th (Summer) , August 15th (Fall) or November 15th (Winter) in order to volunteer for the next session.

We look forward to meeting you this season!