

On June 15 we will tee off our 2020 version of the First Tee Pine Mountain Summer Program. This year we are celebrating our 20th year as a Chapter. We are 20 in 2020!

As you are aware many adjustments to schedules, policies, guidelines, and procedures have changed across many aspects of our lives because of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

For 2020 the First Tee Life Skills and Golf Skills summer program at Pine Mountain will consist of an online component for lesson plans and a self or family guided on course activity exercise. The program will consist of a four (4) week summer session, running from Monday, June 15 through Friday, July 10, 2020. Each lesson plan will have a: (1) Life Skill (2) Golf Skill and (3) Healthy Habit

The Life Skills portion, complete with lesson plan, will be on our website each week and feature and explain the main lesson or skill components for that week. The Golf Skill portion of the lesson plan will be at the golf course with parents or parent designated guardians to chaperone and assist their child through the lesson plan course activities.

Important: Children under 12 require a chaperone/guardian at and on the Wasioto Winds Golf Course at Pine Mountain at all times. Children 12 and older, with parent permission, do not require a chaperone/guardian at or on the golf course. All participants and families must abide by the rules and regulations posted at the course, whether related to the Covid-19 virus or the general rules and regulations of the golf course. There will be no First Tee Coaches at the golf course this summer to take participants on the course for the on-course golf activity. This summer the parent must assume that responsibility.

Registration cost is \$35 for the entire four weeks. Online registration will open on Friday June 5, 2020. You must register and pay for your child's participation online. There will not be anyone stationed at the golf course this year for registration. Should you need assistance with registration, you may do so by contacting Jan Gann via email, jan.ganntfpm@gmail.com, and we will set up an appointment to get your child entered into the system so they can participate.

Included in the \$35 registration fee, participants will receive a First Tee Pine Mountain logo face mask, and each week of programming will get one free bucket of range balls, a walking round of golf, and a special commemorative tee shirt for their participation in this unique time. Participants completing their weekly session and turning in their scorecard for putting on the putting green or actual round play on course play, to the designated staff person or drop box, will then be eligible for a weekly participation incentive prize. Examples of prizes might be: family carryout dinner at a local restaurant; a backpack; golf balls; golf bag; tee shirts, etc.

We encourage families to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn and play with their child and spend time together playing the great game of golf. This type of summer program is unprecedented for First Tee Pine Mountain and we hope that families will take advantage to learn and play together. If a parent is not playing golf but only chaperoning their child, there is no cost to the adult but if that adult wants to play along with their child, then the adult could walk 9 holes for \$10 or 18 holes for \$20.

Participant Equipment: This summer we are strongly recommending that participants secure and use their own equipment whenever possible. If First Tee gave you golf equipment last year and you still have that and it still sized appropriately for you, that is completely fine. Keep it and use it this summer. Should you need equipment you can contact donniecaldwellpga@yahoo.com but our stock of golf clubs this year are extremely limited.

Next Steps:

1. Register & pay online at www.firstteepinemountain.org (please notice, we no longer use “the” in front of first in our web address). The register button is in a light blue box at the top right of our webpage. We must have you registered in order to participate.
2. Each week, during the program period, contact the Pro Shop at Wasioto Winds 606-337-1066 to schedule a tee time for your child to perform the golf portion of the lesson plan, hit their bucket of range balls and play their free round of golf. (Best times are afternoons- Monday through Friday. Weekend times would be very limited, so please try to play during a week day). We will not schedule any tee times for First Tee participants prior to June 15, 2020 or after Friday, July 10, 2020.
3. Please do not walk-in expecting to play golf without calling first and setting up a tee time. There are various situations where the range or putting green could be closed or the course booked and you might not be able to play. (1) Call the Pro Shop, (2) identify your child as a First Tee participant (3) schedule a tee time to play their weekly golf activities, use the range, use the putting green, and if applicable, play their weekly golf round, then (4) Turn in scorecard for either the Putting or the completion of the golf round. (You do not have to play a golf round to be included in the weekly incentive prize drawing but you must complete the putting at the putting green, sign and date the scorecard, and place the completed scorecard in the designated drop box at the course.) (See #4)
4. Plans are to have a drop box for your score cards located on the upstairs, back deck of the Pro Shop, which faces the golf course. Make sure you print or write your full name on your score card, date the card and place in the designated drop box each week.
5. Remember: Participants under age 12 as of June 15, 2020 must have a parent or guardian accompanying them.
6. Rules and regulations which are posted at the golf course must be followed at all times, no exceptions. Please remember that rules, regulations, and guidelines may change frequently, so be sure to take the time on each visit to make sure you understand and are following current rules and regulations.
7. Each week, prior to your child’s tee time, look on the website for the lesson plan for their skill level (PLAYer, PAR, Birdie, Eagle/Ace), and briefly review the content with your child prior to going to the course. Then while you are at the course apply the reviewed lesson plan information and use it as a guide to include the life skill(s), healthy habit(s) and golf skill(s). Practical application of a new skill or habit reinforces their learning and retention.
8. After your weekly session is complete and before leaving the golf course, please fully sign and date scorecard and place in designated drop box.
9. As you know face to face contact is very limited, so the best access to a First Tee Pine Mountain staff member is through email jan.ganntftpm@gmail.com or donniecaldwellpga@yahoo.com
10. As said earlier, we will give your child one logo facemask. We have a limited supply of face masks, but if you would like to purchase additional masks, we will have some for sale. The anticipated price for the additional mask is less than \$10. We will post that price prior to June 15, 2020.

Thank you! Hope you have a great summer!

Jan Gann, Executive Director
First Tee Pine Mountain

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