

# 2016 Annual Report



All programs utilize the Multi-Session Curriculum of The First Tee, including the Life Skills Experience based on The First Tee Nine Core Values and The Nine Healthy Habits. For younger students, introductory golf skills were learned using SNAG (Starting New at Golf) equipment with a progression to traditional clubs and balls with supervised play at green grass facilities and golf courses.

-Lake Worth West Community Center	15 students, once weekly, 20 weeks per year
-Belle Glade Christ Fellowship	30 students, once weekly, 20 weeks
-Summer Camps	150 students, 8 weekly sessions in summer at 3 sites
-Summer Camp - Lake Worth West C.C.	15 students, 1 week
-Summer Camp – Edna Runner	30 students, once weekly, 5 weeks
-Summer Camp – Mandel J.C.C.	24 students, one week
-Summer Camp – South Olive C.C.	40 students, once weekly, 8 weeks
-Summer Camp – B&G Club Boca	7 students, 7 weeks
-Summer Camp – Sandhill Crane G.C.	20 students, 9 weeks
-All Year Dyer Park Saturday Programs	250 students, nine week sessions of 90 minute activities
-Okeehetee G.C.	25 new students introduced to the curriculum
-The Golf Club of Jupiter	80 students, three times a week, 35 weeks
-Weiss School – Golf Team	8 students, once weekly, 10 weeks
-Suncoast High School	60 students, once weekly, 32 weeks
-Dyer Park Monday Class	10 students, once weekly, 30 weeks
-Dyer Park Wednesday Class	10 students, once weekly, 30 weeks
-Mandel J.C.C.	12 students, once weekly, 14 weeks
-Dyer Park Wednesday Class-Practice Day	8 students, once weekly, 16 weeks
-West Palm Beach Golf Course	10 students, once weekly, 30 weeks
-Sandhill Crane Golf Course	10 students, once weekly, 20 weeks
-Pahokee New Hope Charities	75 students summer camp
-Weiss School	10 students, once weekly, 16 weeks
-Cardinal Newman High School Team	5 students, once weekly, 12 weeks
-St. Clare Elementary School	8 students, once weekly, 10 weeks
-Youth Empowerment	10 students, once weekly, 20 weeks
-Place of Hope Christ Fellowship	10 students, once weekly, 10 weeks
-Boys & Girls Club Delray	12 students, once weekly, 30 weeks
-Boys & Girls Club/PGA Superstore	5 students, once weekly, 30 weeks
-Boys & Girls Club – Dyer Park	10 students, once weekly, 20 weeks

**675 students participated in The First Tee Life Skills program.**

## GOLF AS A RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES



Participants look forward to the caring and respectful camaraderie with our staff and volunteers. For many of our students with disabilities, this type of activity helps with their social skills development, such as: taking turns, following directions, working together and, accepting change in their normal routine. Our programs help develop communication skills (vocabulary development, application of learned vocabulary, listening to and following multiple step directions).

-The Renaissance Learning Center	60 students, once weekly, 35 weeks
-Seagull Industries for Disabled Adults	12 students, once weekly, 40 weeks
-Palm Beach Lakes High School	40 students, once weekly, 35 weeks
-Paragolfer	35 students, twice weekly, 40 weeks
-Renaissance Vocation	4 students, once weekly, 30 weeks
-Palm Beach School for Autism	220 students, twice weekly, 5 weeks
-Connection Education	43 students, once weekly, 30 weeks
-Els Center of Excellence	35 students, once weekly, 5 weeks

### SATURDAY MORNING SPECIAL NEED CLASS AT DYER PARK

Supervised PGA and LPGA instruction offered at no charge to families in the community with a child with special needs. The practice facility and golf course are open to those that would otherwise be unable to play and practice at a traditional golf course. Over 100 children attend throughout the year and some children attend almost every week of the year.



**400 students participated in our special needs programs.**



### GOLF PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS

Our nation's heroes, many suffering from PTSD, and Veterans visiting our local VA Hospital as part of a Sight Rehabilitation and Therapy program attend weekly instructional and recreational programs with our PGA Professionals, which includes practice and play on our 9-hole golf course.

-VA Vision Unit	80 adults once weekly, 40 weeks
-Veterans Outreach	25 adults, three times weekly, 45 weeks
-VA Mental Health	15 adults, once monthly, 12 months
-PGA Hope	40 adults, once weekly, 16 weeks

**160 Veterans participated in our programs.**

**NATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Our Staff and Coaches support 36 elementary school P.E. teachers to introduce the game of golf, The First Tee Nine Core Values™, and Nine Healthy Habits™ to over 18,000 students during physical education classes. This program creates an environment where young people experience the lifelong sport of golf while learning basic golf motor skills and the inherent values of the game including health-enhancing habits. Physical educators receive professional development training and are provided developmentally appropriate curriculum and golf equipment for effective implementation into their programs. The National School Program is currently introduced to more than 700 schools in Florida and over 6,000 elementary schools in the 50 United States.



**PARTICIPANTS OPPORTUNITIES**

The First Tee and our Chapter offer a variety of unique opportunities to participants that further their golf and life skills experience. These opportunities often become life changing experiences for our youth participants as they further develop an awareness of possibilities that surround them. In 2016, we sent participants from our chapter to the following:

- Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, CA
- Junior Course Reporters at The Honda Classic, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- Toro Live Green Day at Dyer Park
- Saturday Pro-Am at The Honda Classic
- PGA Tour’s Executive Women’s Day at The Honda Classic
- Behind the scenes tour of Golf Channel with Rich Lerner and Tim Rosaforte at The Honda Classic
- Played the Monday after Invitational at The Honda Classic



160

Veterans enrolled in our Military programs

400

Participants with special needs attending regular programs

675

Participants in The First Tee Life Skills Program

33

Trained Coaches



of participants are teenagers



of participants in the Golf & Life Skills Experience are female



of participants represent diverse ethnicities



The average participant receives over 20 hours of golf and life skills instruction where they are surrounded by trained Coaches who serve as positive role models while delivering a proven curriculum.