



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.

➤ 10th Street Community Center	15 students, 2 times/week, 5 sessions
➤ ARC of Martin County	8 students, 1 time/week 2 sessions, 9 week program
➤ Big Brothers-Big Sisters	26 Students, 1 time/week 1session per school, 6 week program
➤ Hammock Creek G.C.	132 students, 1 or 2 times/week, 5 sessions, 9 week programs
➤ Mariner Sands Skills Competition	48 students 1 time/year
➤ Martin County B&G Club Hobe Sound	28 students, 1 time/week, 2 sessions, 9 week programs at Champions
➤ Martin County B&G Club Indiantown	29 students, 1 time/week, 3 session, 9 week program at Indianwood G.C.
➤ Martin County B&G Club Port Salerno	10 students, 1 time/week, 1 session, 9 week program at Willoughby.
➤ Riverbend	12 students, 1 time/week 1 session, 9 week program
➤ St. Lucie B&G Club Infinity	30 students, 1 time/week, 2 session, 9 week program at Indian Hills
➤ The Champions Club	14 students, 2 Saturday sessions, 9 week program at the golf course
➤ The Saints Golf Course	14 students, 1 time/week, 3 sessions, 9 week programs at the course
➤ YMCA Summer Camp	19 students meeting weekly for 2 consecutive weeks
➤ YMCA Little Putters	10 students, 1 time/week, 2 sessions, 7 week program at YMCA
➤ Samaritan Center	7 students, 1 time/week, 2 sessions, 9 week program at Mariner Sands
➤ The Evergreen Club	6 students, 1 time/week, 1 session, 9 week program
➤ PACE Center	15 students, 1 time/week, 2 sessions, 9 week program at Indian Hills
➤ PAL Ft. Pierce	9 students, 5 consecutive day summer camp

340 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).

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| ➤ ARC of Martin County | 12 students, 1 times/week, 3 sessions |
| ➤ Saturdays at Champions Club | 6 students, 2 times/week, 2 sessions |

20 students participated in our special needs programs.

VETERANS GOLF PROGRAMS Our nation's heroes, many suffering from PTSD attend weekly instructional and recreational programs with our PGA Professionals, which includes practice and play on local golf courses.

- **Hammock Creek Golf Club** 6-8 adults once weekly, 40 weeks
- **Champions Club at Summerfield** 6-8 adults once weekly, 40 weeks

20 Veterans participated in our programs.



NATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM Our Staff and Coaches support 8 elementary school P.E. teachers to introduce the game of golf, The First Tee Nine Core Values™, and Nine Healthy Habits™ to over 5,000 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 7,000 elementary schools in the 50 United States.



Recently added NSP Schools or Organizations:

- **Martin County Schools:** Citrus Grove Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, and Warfield Elementary School
- **Port St. Lucie County Schools:** Weatherbee, Savanna Ridge, Rivers Edge, and Mariposa Elementary and J.D. Parker

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**
- **Saturday Pro-Am at The Honda Classic**
- **PGA Tour's Executive Women's Day - The Honda Classic**
- **Mariner Sands Golf Skills Challenge**
- **Jupiter Dunes Par 3 Tournament**

