



PROGRAM DIRECTORS'S NOTE:

Our fall sessions have just wrapped up here at First Tee – West Texas, marking an incredible first month for me as the new Program Director. I feel truly blessed to be part of such an outstanding organization—one that gives me the opportunity to work alongside passionate, dedicated individuals committed to serving the youth of West Texas. Our team strives to provide a space where young people can thrive, grow, and develop both on and off the golf course.

As we look ahead, we're already hard at work planning next season's programming with the goal of reaching even more youth in our community. During our evening sessions, as I take in the beauty of our West Texas sunsets, I'm reminded just how special this facility is. Our community is fortunate to have First Tee – West Texas, and we want as many kids as possible to enjoy what we have to offer. Be sure to ask us about the scholarship opportunities available!

The year isn't over yet—we still have several exciting events on the horizon! Garage Sale on December 6. Stay tuned to our social media pages for updates on any additional events. This season is the perfect time to enjoy the cooler weather, celebrate with loved ones, and take a moment to appreciate the blessings of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that I acknowledge the passing of our dearly beloved Superintendent, Robert Campbell, who went home to be with the Lord on October 24. Please keep the Campbell family in your prayers. Robert's care and devotion are evident in every corner of our first-class facility. His legacy will continue to live on through the beauty of the grounds he so lovingly maintained.

With Gratitude,

Stevie Young, Program Director



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REMEMBERING ROBERT



We are saddened to announce the passing of our dear friend Robert Campbell. Robert served as superintendent at First Tee - West Texas. During his time here, he expertly tended to the course and lead as a great mentor to our maintenance staff.

Robert's legacy will live on in every green he tended, every person he encouraged and every heart he touched. We were truly lucky to have known Robert, and have his talent here at First Tee.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to Ari & Kenzie for their recent promotions. Ari is our new Office Administrator and Kenzie is our new Education Coordinator.



HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM



Aside from afterschool seasonal programming, we now have a newly implemented seasonal homeschool program. Homeschool participants are taught the same First Tee curriculum. Two classes are offered throughout the week during morning hours. Classes are offered to children 6-18yr, and are offered in two age groups, 6-10 yr, and 11-18yr. Our next session will be in the spring. Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook for registration information.

THE FIRST TEE PROGRAM FIVE KEY COMMITMENTS:

Pursuing Goals - Growing through Challenge
Collaborating with Others - Building Positive Self-Identity
Using Good Judgement

END OF SESSION TOURNAMENT



A new tradition at First Tee - West Texas, End of Session Tournaments. November 1st, we hosted our 2nd End of Session Tournament at the conclusion of the fall session. These tournaments were created to give participants the ability to showcase their newly learned skills and share the moment with their families. Parents walked the course and cheered their children on.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



GOLF CLUB GARAGE SALE

Generous donors have gifted us their gently used clubs, some of which we cannot use for our students. Funds from this sale will benefit local participants of First Tee through scholarships for session programming and yearly memberships. Exciting items include Scotty Cameron putters and Vokey wedges. These clubs will make fantastic Christmas gifts!

When: Sat., 12/6

Time: 9am - 11am

**Where: First Tee Clubhouse
500 W Loop 250 N**

SPRING REGISTRATION

Spring is our busiest time of the year and we're ready to see all participants again! Registration for EXISTING participants (children that were enrolled in fall '25 sessions), opens January 26th through February 1st. Lottery registration for NEW participants (children new to First Tee OR that were not enrolled in fall '25 sessions), opens February 2nd-8th. All registrations happen on our website, firstteewesttexas.org.

6TH ANNUAL WEST TEXAS PRO-AM

This is our major annual fundraiser that is held at the beautiful Midland Country Club Golf Course. We're already actively planning the wonderful event you have come to enjoy. So please mark your calendars for Monday, August 3rd!

DRIVE TO GIVE

Dear Friends of First Tee,

As we approach the end of the year, we reflect on the positive impact our programs have made on local youth - because of YOU and your generosity.

In today's digital age, First Tee - West Texas provides children with a unique opportunity to step away from screens and immerse themselves in the game of golf. Here, they spend hours outdoors, honing their skills, building friendships, and developing both their physical and mental game on the green.

Your year-end gift will continue to drive this mission forward in 2026! Your support—whether big or small—directly impacts our ability to teach valuable life skills through golf. Consider making a one-time gift or setting up a monthly recurring donation to help us continue our work.

Thanks to your unwavering support in 2025, we were able to:

- Serve a record number of children—431, to be exact!
- Transform our programs into unforgettable experiences for the kids, featuring top-notch leadership and high-quality equipment.
- Invest in essential tools and resources to maintain the pristine condition of our golf course.



**Explore all the ways to give on our website via the QR code above,
or you may mail a check to**

First Tee - West Texas at PO Box 53035, Midland, TX 79710.

On behalf of everyone at First Tee - West Texas, thank you for helping
us shape the future of our youth through the game of golf!

We wish you a beautiful holiday season and new year.



BEHIND THE SCENES OF SERVICE

"If anyone has a love for golf and the life lessons that the game teaches you, please consider volunteering your time to impart those lessons to the kids in the First Tee program."

My name is Bobby Kincaid, and I've been a volunteer coach with First Tee - West Texas since the Spring 2024 session. My personal golf journey began in college when I took golf as a PE requirement at 19 years old. I had been a baseball player through HS and had never touched a golf club until then. After starting my work career, I was being invited to a number of golf events, so I began working on improving my game – at first, through books & magazines (Ben Hogan's "Five Lessons", Harvey Penick's "Little Red Book", etc.), and then was fortunate to have personal lessons with some top instructors in the country (Betsy Cullen, Dick Harmon, Hank Haney, etc.) while living in Houston. I also began playing in USGA Public Links tournaments and was required to understand the "Rules of Golf" to play in a more formal format.



When I started a family, I introduced my children to golf at a very early age, as I think it's a game that can be played for a lifetime. As I got older, I began focusing more on the "mental & attitude" part of golf, as I could see my children watching my reactions during play as much as the performance & scoring aspect. When I moved to Midland in 2012, I was still able to play as a member of a private club, but I resigned from the club in 2019 and began missing the opportunity to play & practice. By the time First Tee - West Texas was organized and opened, I had become a grandfather and thought FTWT would be the perfect spot to introduce my grandsons to the game along with other children who would not have had any other places to play & practice.

I really like how the First Tee program promotes life lessons in golf, and hope that I can impart some of those life lessons to the youngsters in the program in a way that they can take into their everyday lives, on and off the course. If anyone has a love for golf and the life lessons that the game teaches you, please consider volunteering your time to impart those lessons to the kids in the First Tee program.

Sincerely,

Bobby Kincaid, First Tee Volunteer Coach

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