



NEWS ON THE RANGE

A FIRST TEE - WEST TEXAS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

The new school year is underway and fall programming is just around the corner at First Tee-West Texas. We had an outstanding summer at Billy National, hosting our summer sessions, Girls Golf, and our annual Father's Day Scramble. In August, we also held the 6th Annual First Tee Pro-Am at Midland Country Club. This year's event was our largest yet, with more teams participating than ever before. We are incredibly grateful to the sponsors and volunteers whose generosity and commitment continue to make the Pro-Am possible.

First Tee-West Texas is fortunate to have such a supportive community behind our mission: impacting the lives of Permian Basin youth by building character and instilling life-enhancing values through the game of golf. That mission is reflected in the continued growth of our programming and the increasing number of young people we are able to serve.

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As we prepare for the fall season, I want to recognize our grounds staff for their tremendous work maintaining the course through the summer heat while also navigating the grow-in process for the three new holes recently added to the facility. This expansion is an important step forward for First Tee-West Texas and will allow us to continue providing participants with a safe, welcoming, and best-in-class environment in which to learn and grow.

Our programming team, led by Stevie Young, also saw record enrollment during both the spring and summer sessions. The combination of growing participation and an expanded golf course footprint positions First Tee-West Texas for an exciting future and, most importantly, allows us to create opportunities for more youth throughout the Permian Basin.



I have been involved with First Tee-West Texas in both coaching and Board capacities for the past five years and have watched this organization grow year after year. The passion for youth golf across the Permian Basin is stronger than ever, and I encourage all of our friends of First Tee-West Texas to learn more about our Game Changers Fund by reaching out to our staff or any member of the Board of Directors.

Your support provides young people with access to the game of golf while helping us maintain a facility that reflects the quality of the experience, we want every participant to have at First Tee-West Texas. On behalf of the Board, thank you to our generous community partners, volunteers, and staff for believing in our mission and investing in the next generation.

–Brett Womack, Board President

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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Wednesday – Monday
8am – 7:30pm

Tuesday*

3:30pm – 7:30pm

*course maintenance during the day

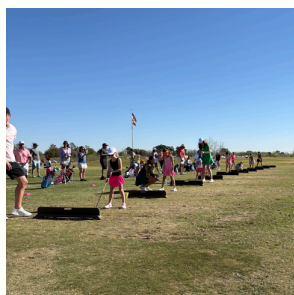


Follow us on social media for course updates.



500 W Loop 250 N, Midland, TX 79705

GIRLS GOLF:



Saturday's are for the girls!

Join us every 3rd Saturday of the month (unless noted otherwise), for Girls Golf! Girls Golf is offered for girls 6-18 yrs old; there are three class times to choose from, and is FREE to attend. If your child does not have her own set of clubs, not a problem - we have clubs for her to borrow during class. This is a great introduction to golf and is a wonderful opportunity to make new friendships. During class girls will learn the game of golf and end with a fun craft.

Registration is done in the LPGA

* USGA Girls Golf app, and opens the 1st of the each month at 8am. Once you have the app downloaded - create an account, from the dashboard select My Sites and search for First Tee - West Texas, return to the dashboard and select Search Events and register for your preferred class time (there will be three to choose from), please only select one to leave room for other girls. See you on the green!

Girls Golf Contact: Danica Weddle 432-559-6911

THE FIRST TEE PROGRAM FIVE KEY COMMITMENTS:

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

2026 FIRST TEE TEXAS CUP



The 2026 Texas Cup in Fort Worth, Texas was an outstanding experience for our First Tee West Texas participants. Audrey, Austin, Cristiano, Logan, and Paige represented our chapter extremely well throughout the event, and I was incredibly proud of each of them. Beyond the competition itself, the event provided a tremendous opportunity for our kids to grow together as a team, build friendships, and experience what it means to represent something bigger than themselves. They encouraged one another, learned from the challenges they faced, and demonstrated resilience, sportsmanship, and a willingness to improve. One of the highlights was seeing all five participants improve on the second day. Their improvement demonstrated not only their growing golf skills, but also their ability to learn from the first day, adjust, and come back stronger.



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The Texas Cup is an important event because it brings together First Tee participants from across Texas and gives young golfers the opportunity to compete, connect, and learn from one another in a positive environment. Audrey, Austin, Cristiano, Logan, and Paige had the opportunity to meet participants from other First Tee chapters, develop new friendships, and experience the larger First Tee community. We were especially grateful for the warm welcome we received from everyone in Fort Worth. From the event organizers and volunteers to the families and other participants, the hospitality and encouragement made our kids feel welcomed and valued. Most importantly, our participants represented First Tee West Texas with great character through their attitude, sportsmanship, teamwork, and willingness to learn. I could not have been prouder of the way they conducted themselves and represented our chapter. The 2026 Texas Cup was much more than a golf tournament—it was an experience that helped our kids grow both on and off the course and reminded us of the incredible impact events like this can have on young people.



– Stevie Young, Program Director

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6TH ANNUAL WEST TEXAS PRO AM

On August 3, the 6th Annual West Texas Pro-Am returned to Midland Country Club bigger and stronger. We expanded from one wave of golf to two, welcomed our largest field of sponsors and teams yet, and surpassed our fundraising goal. Every dollar goes directly toward giving West Texas youth a place to learn golf, build character, and chart a path forward.

NONE OF THIS HAPPENS WITHOUT YOU.

A huge thank you to our Presenting Sponsors, JMR Services and Peggy and Timber Floyd, and to every sponsor across every tier – Presenting to Team Sponsor – thank you. You didn't just fund a golf tournament. You funded scholarships, mentorship, a path forward, and a place to belong for kids across Midland, Odessa, and Crane.

We're already looking ahead to next year, and with partners like you, we know it will be our best one yet. Thank you.

BE A GAME CHANGER. BECOME A COACH.



We are looking for coaches and volunteers – all experience levels are welcome.

You don't have to be a golf pro (or even a good golfer), our Program Director and Education Coordinator will provide the training you need. First Tee's training system is built on research-proven methods of positive youth development, providing coaches with the tools to make kids feel safe, included and empowered.

To become a coach, please scan the QR code, share your availability and someone will reach out to you. Thank you!



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HOW YOU CAN CHAMPION YOUNG GOLFERS IN WEST TEXAS

With an annual or monthly gift, you will give a local child an unlimited yearly membership to our Billy National Golf Course.

**\$70 / Month or
\$840 / Yearly**

The unlimited membership includes:

- 6-hole course (3 new holes opening late spring 2027)
- putting green
- long range

Join the Game Changers Fund:

The Billy National Course was designed for children by Masters winner Ben Crenshaw's course design group Coore & Crenshaw, a friend of First Tee – West Texas.

