

2025

 **first tee**®
four corners

Annual Review



Mission:

To impact the lives of young people and Veterans by providing educational programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf.



Building Game Changers

Looking back on 2025, First Tee Four Corners has much to celebrate.

We continue to expand our impact by growing youth programs, strengthening community partnerships, and creating meaningful opportunities both locally and nationally. This year, we deepened our investment in coaches and mentors who inspire young people through golf and life skills.

Through PGA HOPE and the Veterans League, we also continue to serve veterans by building a supportive community grounded in camaraderie, purpose, and healing through the game.

Thank you to our supporters, volunteers, families, and partners for helping us change lives and build game changers across the Four Corners.

Tina

Tina Pacheco-White
Executive Director

Tom

Thomas Yost , PGA
Director of Programs

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Faylyn Beyale
Asst Program Director



Impact



7,000

kids and teens



5

program locations



26

schools



4

community programs



55%

ethnically diverse



42%

female



19

coaches



4 counties

San Juan County NM

La Plata County CO

Archuleta County CO

Montezuma County CO



125

veterans



3

veterans leagues



2

PGA HOPE classes



Meet Conner Neff

2025 Indigo and Gopher



The Indigo & Gopher Matches are a national, Ryder Cup–style event that brings together First Tee participants and Underrated Golf Tour players for competition, mentorship, and leadership development.

This year, Conner Neff, a senior at Farmington High School and a member of both the basketball and golf teams, was selected to represent First Tee Four Corners at the Indigo & Gopher Matches. Conner has grown up in First Tee, and his selection reflects years of dedication, leadership, and personal growth. Competing on a national stage gave him valuable experience, expanded his network, and strengthened his confidence on and off the course.



“On the course, I gained insight on how to balance competition with enjoyment. Off the course, I developed skills navigating new environments, building new relationships and engaging with successful business professionals.”

Partnerships



Big Brothers Big Sisters of SWCO

This partnership brings mentorship to life through golf. First Tee shares our life skills curriculum with Bigs and Littles, creating a meaningful space for connection, confidence-building, and fun.

After three weeks of skill-building and games, the experience culminates in the “Little Swing,” a celebratory nine-hole event where matches are joined by the Fort Lewis College Golf Team. The day brings mentorship full circle, surrounding youth with positive role models and reinforcing the power of relationships through sport.



“My Little and I had such a great time. Many of us had little to no experience with golf prior to this, and really wouldn’t have had the chance to try it. Now we are planning to make golf part of our match outings moving forward!”

Ryan
Big Brother

Elementary Schools

The First Tee School Program supports PE classrooms by providing golf equipment, teacher training, and a curriculum that integrates life skills with physical activity.

The highlight of the program is a field trip to Riverview Golf Course, where students apply what they've learned in the classroom on a real course. For many, it's their first time on a golf course and a memorable experience that builds excitement and confidence.

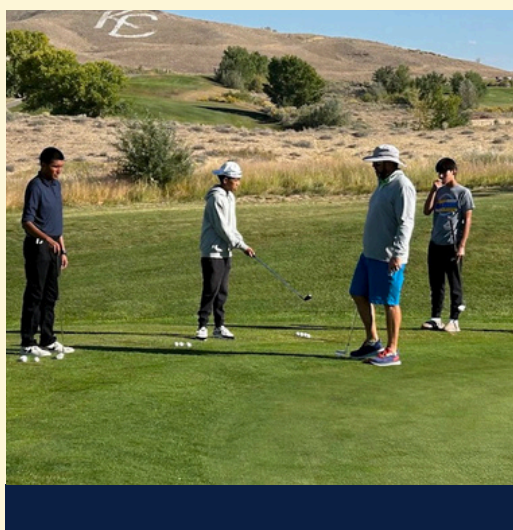


Hózhó Naashá with Navajo Prep

In partnership with Navajo Preparatory School, we support Hózhó Naashá, a Navajo philosophy meaning “walking in beauty,” rooted in balance, respect, and harmony.

Through this afterschool program, students engage in structured activities that reinforce cultural values while building confidence, character, and life skills.

Golf serves as a hands on learning tool, giving students opportunities to practice discipline, patience, and respect for others and the environment.



Special Olympics

For 16 years, our partnership with Special Olympics has made golf accessible to athletes of all ages.

What started as a small program has grown to include both youth and adults, fostering skills, confidence, and a love for the game.

Our athletes thrive on competition, and our work culminates each season with their participation in the Special Olympics State Games—a celebration of their dedication, growth, and passion for golf.



Meet Hayden Dan

2025 Gamechangers
Academy



The First Tee Game Changers Academy is a national leadership program that brings together top teens from across the country to build confidence, strengthen communication skills, and learn how to create positive change through golf.

This year, Hayden Dan, a sophomore at Kirtland Central High School and a member of the KCHS golf team, was selected to participate. Hayden's first exposure to golf came through the First Tee National School Program at Kirtland Elementary, and after years of involvement with First Tee, her journey has come full circle. Her selection reflects her leadership, dedication, and commitment to representing First Tee Four Corners with excellence on and off the course.



"Listening to the speeches given to us had a huge impact on me and changed the way I approach challenges. I am now more outgoing, not afraid to give a presentation in front of my class, and more confident in speaking up and asking questions.."

Girls Golf

Our Girls Golf program offers two sessions led by Coach Fay, creating a welcoming space for girls to build skills, confidence, and leadership. Through our partnership with New Beginnings Shelter, girls from diverse backgrounds form meaningful friendships and supportive connections.

Older participants mentor younger girls, serving as positive role models while building confidence, discipline, and a love for the game. The program helps girls grow on and off the course while keeping golf fun.



Tournaments

Our competitive events, including the Western Slope Junior Classic, Leadership in Action, Adult Junior Play events and the Taco Bell Junior Classic, make tournament golf more accessible to players across the Four Corners.

These events are designed for all participants, whether they want to pursue collegiate golf or simply compete and become lifelong golfers. Together, they teach sportsmanship, resilience, and respect for the game while providing meaningful opportunities to grow through competition.



Drive - Chip - Putt

We were proud to once again host a regional Drive, Chip & Putt qualifier at Riverview Golf Course, welcoming kids and families from across the Four Corners.

By bringing this event to our region, we help local youth compete at a high level without having to travel long distances.

We were excited to see participants advance to the regional qualifier, showcasing the strength of junior golf in our community.



Veterans



First Tee Veterans Programs

Our veterans programs continue to grow and have become one of the most meaningful areas of our work. We use golf as a way to support veterans as they navigate the physical, emotional, and social challenges connected to their service.

Time on the golf course offers more than recreation. It provides a therapeutic outlet, a shared experience, and a pathway to renewed purpose and community.



In my darkest moments, I often reflect on the new support and friendships I have been given through the Vets League and it provides me strength to carry on."

Brad Maxwell
Air Force

PGA HOPE

Helping Our Patriots Everywhere

PGA HOPE offers free 6 week golf sessions for veterans. The program supports participants' overall well being through structured instruction, camaraderie, and meaningful time on the golf course.

Led by our local PGA Professionals, the PGA HOPE program happens in the Spring and Fall at San Juan Country Club and Civitan Golf Course. We have graduated 81 veterans since beginning in 2022.



Veterans League

The Veterans League was created to make golf accessible to veterans while fostering camaraderie. We host three leagues a year serving more than 125 veterans from across San Juan County and Southern Colorado.

Participation is free, and veterans play a 9 hole scramble format that encourages friendly competition, teamwork, and connection. Shared experiences and mutual support have turned the league into a strong community for veterans of all ages and playing abilities.



Together with Veterans Golf Tournament

First Tee is proud to partner with Together with Veterans to host the first annual Together with Veterans Golf Tournament on April 11, 2026, offered free to all veterans.

This new event brings our organizations together to raise awareness around suicide prevention while honoring veterans and creating meaningful opportunities for connection and support.



National Participant Opportunities

Whether it's playing on iconic courses, attending leadership academies, or competing in national events, these opportunities inspire kids to **dream bigger**, develop life skills, and create lasting memories.

- Summer Tsosie (2010) – Life Skills & Leadership Academy, Kansas State University
- Belle Toney (2012) – Life Skills & Leadership Academy, Hofstra University
- Patrick Gregoire (2011) – Life Skills & Leadership Academy, Arizona State
- Patrick Gregoire (2013) - Nature Valley First Tee Open, Pebble Beach
- Raymond Torres (2014) – Nature Valley First Tee Open, Pebble Beach
- Eli House (2017) – Joe Louis Barrow Life Skills and Leadership Academy, Michigan State University
- Trey & Tyler Diehl (2017) – Pure Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee, Pebble Beach
- Marion Caldwell (2018) – Joe Louis Barrow Life Skills and Leadership Academy, Michigan State University
- River Smalley (2018) – Pure Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee, Pebble Beach
- Quinn Yost (2019) - CoBank PEAK Performers Rancho Palos Verdes, CA





- Marion Caldwell (2021-2024) – First Tee Scholar
- Quinn Yost (2021) – Pure Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee, Pebble Beach
- Marion Caldwell (2021) - ACE Level Participant
- Matt Ahlgrim (2022) – Pure Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee, Pebble Beach
- Annie Yost (2023) – Pure Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee, Pebble Beach
- Skyler Woods (2023) – Pure Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee, Pebble Beach
- Teresa Sanborn (2023) – First Tee Game Changers Academy, Villanova University
- Matt Ahlgrim (2023) - First Tee National Championship, Stanford
- Annie Yost (2024) - First Tee National Championship, Clemson
- Hayden Dan (2025) - First Tee Game Changers Academy, University of Minnesota
- Conner Neff (2025) - Indigo vs. Gopher, Ohoopie Match Club, Cobbtown, GA





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Strategic Planning

The board continues to build on our 2024-2029 strategic plan. Our four areas of focus are:

- **Community Engagement:** Expanding partnerships and outreach
- **Chapter Leadership:** Building a strong board, investing in leadership
- **Financial Sustainability:** Strengthening long term funding and stability
- **High Quality Programming:** Ensuring excellence, consistency, and meaningful impact



David Bird Memorial Scholarship

First Tee Four Corners is honored to administer the David Bird Memorial Scholarship, established in 2004 to celebrate the life and legacy of David Bird, a 2001 Piedra Vista High School graduate and dedicated member of the PVHS golf team.

This scholarship supports San Juan County seniors who demonstrate strong character, academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need. Through this opportunity, we are proud to honor David's memory while helping local youth pursue their educational goals and future success.

2025 Signature Golf Events



Across The Border Golf Extravaganza

- Saturday May 2 Piñon Hills Golf Course
- Sunday May 3 Hillcrest Golf Club



First Tee Corporate Challenge

- August 15 Piñon Hills Golf Course



For information and our full schedule visit firstteefourcorners.org

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