



The Clubhouse Recap

This summer, more than 100 campers ages 8-17 participated in First Tee – Cleveland summer camps at Washington Golf Course in Newburgh Heights.

Each week, golfers gained 30 hours of program time – building their skills both in our practice facilities and out on the golf course.

Beyond golf, First Tee also piloted a series of culinary programs with community partners, expanding opportunities to even more kids.

Looking ahead, registration is now open for our Late Fall on-course classes, designed for kids and teens ages 10 and up who are able to walk and carry their clubs for nine holes. There's also space to join our Fit to a Tee fall programs, featuring a four-week session and three themed one-day classes!

Visit firstteecleveland.org/programs-3/ for the complete list.

Next on the Tee

Golftoberfest:

Mark your calendars! The Ambassador Committee's **Golftoberfest** tees off Friday, October 3rd at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course. The day includes 18 holes of golf, plus plenty of food and drinks.

Entry is \$1,200 per foursome, with all proceeds directly supporting First Tee – Cleveland programs. Your participation truly makes a difference!

Visit golftober25.givesmart.com to register!

Pebble Beach Stay & Play Raffle:

There's still time to experience Pebble Beach – where legends like Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus captured U.S. Open victories.

For only \$100 per ticket, you could win a three-night stay at The Lodge at Pebble Beach (ocean-view room included!), plus golf for two with cart at both Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill.

And that's not all – the prize also includes \$1,000 in spending money for dining, shopping, spa, or souvenirs.

Only 500 tickets will be sold. The winner will be drawn October 22nd at our Grit, Gratitude & You breakfast.

Visit 25pebble.givesmart.com to purchase raffle chances!

Grit, Gratitude, and You Breakfast:

Join us Tuesday, October 22nd at Windows on the River for a morning of inspiration and impact as we honor the Deckard Family with the Del de Windt Leadership Award and celebrate the continued growth of First Tee - Cleveland.

Tickets are \$150. Reserve your seat today at 2025GGY.givesmart.com

Where Are They Now?

Weeks before starting medical school, **Kate Hickey** made time to give back to First Tee – Cleveland by playing in the 100 Hole Golf Marathon at Seneca Golf Course in Broadview Heights.

A native of Cleveland Heights, Hickey started First Tee when she was 8 years old. "The guys in my family played golf, but I didn't have much exposure to it until First Tee," she said. "First Tee did an incredible job of offering girls like me a low-stakes setting to learn golf. It stuck and made me more inclined to try other things."

In high school, Hickey transitioned into a more advanced role. She served as a coach and worked behind the scenes. In college at Ohio State, where she majored in biochemistry and minored in economics, Hickey returned to First Tee as an Alumni Intern. "I was challenged to think about lesson plans and how to design activities to best engage the kids. I was astounded by how much thought and prep goes into everything, from the handshakes to golf skills that run parallel to life skills."

Hickey, who started med school at Ohio University in August, remains inspired by the organization's mission. "First Tee taught me so much," she said. "I was surrounded by so many great people like **Pat LoPresti, Brian McFarland, David Alexander, Dorothy Kasper, Mike Reiter, Mary Patton and Paula Domzalski** who showed me how important it is to do something you're passionate about and something you believe in. First Tee delivers on its promise."

Kate continues to give back by volunteering at various team building experiences, golf clinics and other fundraising events.



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