



DRIVE

Develops Rewarding Inspiring Values for Everyone

Overview

The First Tee DRIVE is the perfect activity for young people as it Develops Rewarding, Inspiring Values for Everyone. The First Tee DRIVE is a set of 18 golf Activity Plans designed to provide a fun, engaging program which exposes young people to the behaviors associated with The First Tee's Nine Core Values (respect, courtesy, responsibility, honesty, sportsmanship, confidence, judgment, perseverance, integrity). Participants are exposed to these core value behaviors through games, using sports that young people may already be familiar with, such as baseball, football, bowling and tennis; however, these games are modified to incorporate the four basic golf shots – putt, chip, pitch, and full swing. These activities are played with modified golf equipment and are designed to offer participants opportunities to apply core value behaviors and basic golf strokes. At the end of each class, participants are challenged to apply these behaviors in other areas of their lives. The end goal is for participants to be exposed to The First Tee Nine Core Value behaviors during activities and for them to apply these behaviors both in and out of class.

This activity-based program has been specifically designed and written for youth serving organizations. By using a golf platform, our goal is to extend the life skills and Nine Core Values of The First Tee to young people who may not previously have been exposed to the game of golf. The program Activity Plans are designed in a way that allows for indoor and outdoor set up to fit a variety of locations such as gymnasiums, basketball courts, baseball, football, and soccer fields.

Components

Participating locations are provided with the necessary elements to deliver the program including equipment, a comprehensive activity guide and online training:

Modified Golf Equipment

The First Tee utilizes introductory golf equipment that is durable and safe for indoor or outdoor use. The equipment is modified, developmentally appropriate, and consists of colorful oversized clubs, tennis-style balls and a variety of targets. The clubs are replicas of two basic traditional golf clubs, a putter and a wedge. The heads are purposefully large and provide a hitting surface proportionately larger than the ball for easy learning and increased success. Available for both right-handed and left-handed students, the equipment set is configured to include enough clubs, targets and balls to teach up to 30 participants per class.

Comprehensive Activity Guide

The Activity Guide is written with the youth development professional and volunteer leader in mind. The program is designed to fit in a variety of settings, addressing class time, class size and other parameters unique to youth serving organizations. The curriculum includes 18 detailed activity plans, an information section explaining teaching methods, safety and class management procedures, instructional cue cards, golf terms and other helpful information for successful implementation.

Training

Our interactive online training includes video of actual Activity Plan sessions, excerpts from the Activity Guide, review questions and assessments.

Get Involved

To get involved with The First Tee DRIVE, contact your local chapter of The First Tee (view locations at www.thefirsttee.org) or Tony Powell, Director of Outreach, at 904-940-4335/tpowell@thefirsttee.org.

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