Individual responsibility, honesty, integrity, and confidence are among the traits that can help a young person on the road to success.

Golf not only teaches positive life lessons, but it depends on them for its very existence. It is a game where there are no officials to call a breach of the rules—that role lies with the player.

It is a game where only the individual participants know if the score they handed in is actually the score they shot. It is also a game where the raw beginner can play a competitive match with the most seasoned expert. It is a game where life-long friendships can be made.

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**The First Tee**

**Nine Core Values**

- Courtesy
- Confidence
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Sportsmanship
- Perseverance
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Judgment

**Nine Healthy Habits**

- Physical
- Energy
- Play
- Safety
- Emotional
- Vision
- Mind
- Family
- Social
- Friends
- School
- Community

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*Summer 2013*

*Providing opportunities for youth to learn the game of golf and the values it teaches.*
The First Tee of Western Illinois University was founded in 1999 with the purpose of providing quality golf instruction, excellent facilities, and essential life skills to the participants. Through this program and the many great opportunities it provides, we hope to make a significant impact on the youth of our community.

**Benefits of Participation**

Students participating in The First Tee program will:

- **Learn and practice the fundamentals of the golf swing.**
- **Enjoy free access to the driving range, the 9-hole pitch and putt course and the putting green at the Harry Mussatto Golf Course.**
- **Engage in a life skills curriculum developed for the student’s age group by faculty members at Virginia Commonwealth University.**
- **Receive a First Tee membership card good for four free rounds of golf at the HMGC and discounted rates at area courses on selected dates.**
- **Develop a lifelong appreciation for the game of golf.**

**Eligibility**

The First Tee program is open to students who are ages 7 (who have completed 1st grade) through 17.

**The Program**

Students will meet twice weekly for 6 weeks on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Harry Mussatto Golf Course. The students will receive golf instruction, learn life skills and gain an appreciation for the game of golf. The program will begin on Monday, June 10 and conclude on Thursday, July 18.

**Cost**

The cost of the 6-week program (12 sessions) is $40 per student. Additional family members may participate for $20 each. Scholarships are available to help defer the cost if necessary.

**Registration**

Please use the attached form to register for The First Tee Program. Completed forms and payment are due on Thursday, June 6 at the Harry Mussatto Golf Course.

**Equipment**

Golf clubs are available for use during the program at no charge for participants. Please make a notation on the registration form if clubs are needed.

For more information, contact Lia Lukkarinen by email at LB-Lukkarinen@wiu.edu or call Lia at the Pro Shop at (309) 298-3676.

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**2013 Registration Form**

Name: _______________________________
Address: _______________________________
City: __________________ St _____ Zip _______
Age: _____ Telephone: ____________________
Email: _________________________________
Date of Birth: __________________________
Grade (going into this fall): _______________
Need clubs? Yes _____ No _____
Parent/Guardian: ________________________

Please include the $40 fee with the registration. The fee for each additional family member is $20. Please use this space to add an additional name.
Name: _______________________________
Date of Birth: __________________________
Grade (going into this fall): _______________
Need clubs? Yes _____ No _____

Please make checks payable to: The First Tee of Western Illinois University

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“The First Tee Program provides young students not only with golf lessons but also with lessons about life.”

Jim Miner