

**40 Teenagers Selected to Attend Second-Annual First Tee Leadership Summit in Partnership with PGA TOUR Superstore**

*Hosted at PGA TOUR Superstore Owner and Chairman Arthur M. Blank’s West Creek Ranch in Montana, the summit will give the teens opportunities to enjoy dynamic outdoor activities while learning leadership concepts and key values*

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. and ATLANTA, (July 13, 2022) −** [First Tee](https://firsttee.org/), a youth development organization that helps kids and teens build their strength of character through golf, is partnering with PGA TOUR Superstore to hold their second-annual Leadership Summit from August 1-12. Forty teenagers from across the country have been selected to attend this year’s Summit, hosted at PGA TOUR Superstore Chairman and First Tee Board Member Arthur M. Blank's West Creek Ranch in Montana.

Twenty of the selected youths will participate in the first week from August 1-5, and 20 others will attend from August 8-12.

The diverse group of participants – 24 young women and 16 young men – on average have spent seven years in the First Tee program and their average GPA is 3.85. From an aspiring Urban Planner who wants to ensure underserved communities have access to public facilities to a researcher who wants to cure food allergies, many of the participants already have impressive plans for careers that will improve their communities.

The First Tee Leadership Summit is designed to strengthen leadership skills through dynamic outdoor and team-building activities with the intended purpose of personal growth, education and coming together to make a difference. The curriculum explores concepts such as positive risk-taking, relationship building and identifying character strengths.

Set in the unforgettable backdrop of West Creek Ranch, the Summit will give teens the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities such as golf, fly fishing, yoga, meditation, horseback riding, archery, whitewater rafting and hiking, and will be encouraged to apply their learnings through these activities.

For the second consecutive year, former NFL standout and motivational speaker Michael Vick will be a featured guest speaker during the first week of the Summit. Professional golfer Shasta Averyhardt will be featured the second week.

At the conclusion of the Summit, four students will be selected for the First Tee College Scholarship Program and will receive financial support as well as access to mentorship and professional development opportunities throughout their four-year collegiate experience.

“In our first year, we saw a group of incredible teenagers participate in a transformative experience which changed their outlook on life and leadership,” said Dick Sullivan, President & CEO, PGA TOUR Superstore. “We are committed to supporting First Tee and to be a part of something impactful and meaningful in the students’ lives.”

“Congratulations to the 40 teens selected for this one-of-a-kind leadership event,” added Greg McLaughlin, First Tee CEO. “As we saw last year, the summit provides an opportunity for these talented teens to immerse themselves in personal growth that will help them strengthen their leadership skills while forging deep relationships with peers from across the country. We are once again grateful to Arthur Blank and PGA TOUR Superstore for supporting our mission as we work to empower the next generation through intentional and innovative opportunities like the First Tee Leadership Summit.”

To be eligible for the Summit, teens participated in a five-week Leadership Series that was hosted at PGA TOUR Superstore locations across the country this spring. Teens also completed applications and were selected based on character-driving criteria.

For more than a decade, PGA TOUR Superstore and Arthur Blank have championed First Tee’s mission through charitable and in-kind donations across the country. In September 2020, PGA TOUR Superstore announced a new grant that will help First Tee reach more youth across the U.S. and strengthen its curriculum for teenage participants, including the development of the Leadership Series, Summit and scholarships.

The Leadership Summit is one of several national opportunities provided by First Tee Headquarters to inspire and equip teens on a deeper level as they progress through the program and toward higher education opportunities.

**FIRST TEE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS – AUGUST 1-5**

**Name First Tee Chapter**

Braden Bernaldo First Tee — Coachella Valley (CA)

Anna Brown First Tee — Coastal Carolinas (NC)

Aidan Cervetti First Tee — Tampa Bay

Katelyn Chan First Tee — Silicon Valley (CA)

Myles Cobb First Tee — Greater Chicago

Matthew Cook First Tee — Metro Atlanta

Jacie Goodman First Tee — Florida Gold Coast

Maleyna Gregorio First Tee — Coachella Valley (CA)

Wesley Helmer First Tee — Greater San Antonio

Ava Hurtado First Tee — Greater Austin

Zara Karim First Tee — Greater Washington, DC

Carson Kawabata First Tee — Utah

Isabella Lohr First Tee — Greater Dallas

Jake Myre First Tee — Tucson

Victoria Ocampo Acosta First Tee — Orange County (CA)

Alanis Santiago Maldonado First Tee — North Florida

Ethan Selvers First Tee — Metropolitan New York

Anay Sigala First Tee — Fort Worth

Saloni Somia First Tee — Minnesota

Isabella Zamarron First Tee — Greater Houston

**FIRST TEE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS – AUGUST 8-12**

**Name First Tee Chapter**

Mahek Acharya First Tee — Greater Chicago

Dominic Clayton First Tee — North Florida

Eliana Damsgard First Tee — Minnesota

Saidah DaSilva First Tee — Massachusetts

Haady Elneser First Tee — Florida Gold Coast

Isabella Herrera First Tee — Silicon Valley (CA)

Kyzar Joshi First Tee — Massachusetts

Sarah Kohler First Tee — Metropolitan New York

James Labukas First Tee — Tucson

Joshua Lee First Tee — Greater Austin

Elise McGirt First Tee — Raritan Valley (NJ)

Gabriella G. Mercado First Tee — Orange County (CA)

Katherine Miskimen First Tee — Phoenix

Abi Newell First Tee — Greater Houston

Josephine Nguyen First Tee — Greater Washington, DC

Carson Platt First Tee — Coastal Carolinas (NC)

Jaylyn Remolona First Tee — San Francisco

Isabella Rubio First Tee — Florida Gold Coast

Jacob Ryan First Tee — Central Florida

Isaac Stewart First Tee — Central Ohio

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**About PGA TOUR First Tee Foundation (“First Tee”)**

First Tee ([www.firsttee.org](http://www.firsttee.org/)) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit youth development organization that is supported by the PGA TOUR. Its mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf. In 2022, First Tee celebrates its 25th anniversary and reaching millions of youth through its network of 150 chapters, 10,000 schools and 1,700 youth centers. Headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, USA, programs are delivered in all 50 United States and select international locations. President George W. Bush serves as Honorary Chair.

**About PGA TOUR Superstore**

PGA TOUR Superstore is operated by Golf & Tennis Pro Shop, Inc., a subsidiary of AMB Sports and Entertainment and is headquartered in metro-Atlanta. As the PGA TOUR's exclusive off-course/off-airport retail partner in North America, PGA TOUR Superstore provides customers with access to the same technology and expertise as card-carrying PGA TOUR pros. All stores are staffed with teaching professionals and have multiple state-of-the-art swing simulators, practice hitting bays, and large putting greens. There is also an in-house club making and repair facility. Along with equipment and accessories, PGA TOUR Superstore has an unmatched selection of men's, women's and juniors' apparel and footwear for golf and tennis. For more information, visit www.pgatoursuperstore.com.

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