



first tee
central mississippi

Parent Guide

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Welcome!

Welcome to First Tee - Central Mississippi! We are excited to have you and your child join us in the Life Skills Experience! Below you will find an overview of all the work our chapter does in the community. In the following pages you will also find useful information regarding our policies and procedures. If you have any questions, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you!

First Tee of Central MS Mission:

To impact the lives of young people in Mississippi by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

- The First Tee works towards this mission by:
 - Empowering participants through the game of golf and life skills on Golf Courses.
 - Education PE teachers to deliver First Tee Curriculum in schools and after school programs.
 - Providing events that grow participation and enhance the program experience.
 - Working with other youth organizations to expose kids to the game of golf, and its inherent values, in unique settings.

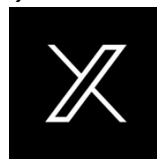
5 Rules For Success

1. Arrive 10 minutes before your class starts.
2. Sign your child in and out.
3. Make sure your child has sunscreen, bug spray, and goes to the restroom before class.
4. Children must abide by Committing to Being A Game Changer at all times.
 - a. Pursuing Goals
 - Excited to grow and learn
 - Not afraid to fail.
 - Learning from both achievements and setbacks.
 - b. Growing through Challenge
 - Discovering inner strength
 - Developing resilience
 - Dig deep when things get tough.
 - c. Collaborating with Others
 - Respect other perspectives, especially when they are different from there.
 - Show kindness, consideration, and care for others.
 - Know that attitude and how treating others have an impact.
 - d. Building Positive Self-Identity
 - Finding self-confidence.
 - Discovering what they are capable of.
 - Fell safe to be themselves.
 - e. Using Good Judgment
 - Respect rules in golf and in life.
 - Being honest with themselves and with others.
 - Have the courage to do what's right, even when it's hard.
5. Follow us on Social Media! We post all kinds of fun things!

Instagram:thefirstteecentralms



X (Twitter): TheFirstTeeMS



Facebook: FirstTeeCentralMS



Age Base

Age 5-6

- Learn the basics of golf
- Make new friends while being active and having fun
- Play interactive golf games taught by encouraging coaches
- Develop self-confidence and consideration for others

Age 7-9

- Be active and have fun with peers in a safe and encouraging manner
- Build inner strength and self-confidence
- Learn to play golf
- Focus on building relationships with other players while exploring the game of golf

Age 10-11

- Explore character concepts in active and collaborative ways that are valuable on and off the course
- Develop golf skills and enthusiasm for the game
- Support positive Game Changing behaviors in fun and meaningful ways

Age 12-13

- Explore both golf skills and character commitments while having fun with peers
- Provide opportunities to demonstrate mastery and growth of golf skills and abilities
- Support growth and development of early adolescents

Age 14+

- Build character and support personal development
- Develop additional golf skills and abilities
- Look toward their future and abilities
- Evaluate reflect and apply their understanding of life and golf skills to new situations on and off the course

Class Behavior Policy

- 1. Follow Directions**
- 2. Stay in the Safety Zone**
- 3. Encourage Each Other**

Participants will be held to the standards above, if there is misbehavior it will be handled in the following way:

1. Verbal Warning
2. 5 Minute Time Out
3. Second offense 10 Time Out

Financial Aid Info Sheet

- First Tee - Central Mississippi offers financial aid to participants who qualify.
- In order to be awarded financial aid participants must meet the following qualifications:
 - Families must be experiencing financial hardship and/or qualify for free lunch program.
 - Participant is receiving free and reduced lunch at school.

Financial Aid Steps

Step 1: Register your child for your desired class by adding the class to the cart.

Step 2: Once you add your child(ren) to the cart, click PROCEED TO CHECK OUT.

Step 3: Continue the Event Registration by filling out the participants contact information and answering the questions. When you get to the Financial Aid Page, please click that you would like to apply. Answer the questions and click continue.

Step 4: Finish the registration process through the payment page. Once you click submit, your application will be sent for review. **THIS DOES NOT INDICATE THAT REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE**. Upon applying, your application will be reviewed by The First Tee of Central Mississippi staff and a determination will be made.

Step 5: Upon determination, you will receive an email with directions to complete your registration. **You will have 48 hours to complete your registration.** Failure to complete your registration in 48 hours will result in your registration being cancelled.

Financial Aid Attendance Policy

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, WE REQUIRE THAT ALL FINANCIAL AID PARTICIPANTS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM. YOUR CHILD IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 50% OF EACH SESSION IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE.

***OUR ATTENDANCE POLICY IS IN PLACE BECAUSE OF OUR LIMITED CLASS SIZES AND RESOURCES.*IF ATTENDANCE DROPS BELOW 50% STAFF WILL CONTACT FAMILIES TO DETERMINE FUTURE FINANCIAL AID STATUS.**

The First Tee of Central Mississippi Program

Locations

Golf Course	Contact Information
<p style="text-align: center;">Deerfield Golf Club</p>	<p>Address: 264 Deerfield Club Dr., Canton, MS 39046</p> <p>Phone: (601) 856-6966</p> <p>Website: https://letsgolfdeerfield.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Patrick Farms Golf Club</p>	<p>Address: 300 Clubhouse Dr. Pearl, MS 39208</p> <p>Phone: (601) 664-0304</p> <p>Website: https://randywatkinsgolf.com/golf-courses/patrick-farms/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pete Brown Golf Facility</p>	<p>Address: 3200 W Woodrow Wilson Ave, Jackson, MS 39209</p> <p>Phone: (601) 960-1905</p> <p>Website: https://www.petebrowngolffacility.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Castlewoods Country Club</p>	<p>Address: 403 Bradford Dr, Brandon MS 39047</p> <p>Phone: (601)992-1442</p> <p>Website: https://castlewoodscountryclub.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Refuge Golf Course</p>	<p>Address: 2100 Refuge Blvd, Flowood, MS 39232</p> <p>Phone: (601) 664-1414</p> <p>Fax: (601) 664-1417</p> <p>Website: https://www.refugegolfms.com</p>

Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I take my child to practice golf?
 - Take them to a driving range.
 - Call the range to see if they are open.
 - Go into the pro shop and purchase range balls
 - Range balls are for use on the driving range only.
 - Practice hitting balls on the driving range! It can be a fun family activity!
 - Many driving ranges also have putting greens and short game practice areas. These are generally free to use, but check in the pro shop first!
 - Some local public access driving ranges are: Pete Brown Golf Facility (formerly Sonny Guy Municipal), LeFleur's Bluff Golf Course, Nevada Bob's (indoors), and The Meadow's Golf and Driving Range (off Highway 49 in Rankin County)
 - Take them to play 9 holes.
 - Call the course to set up a tee time.
 - Check in at the pro shop 15 minute prior to tee time.
 - Pay any associated fees.
 - If you wish to ride along in a cart with your child, you will be charged a cart fee.
 - Have fun!
 - Does First Tee provide individual lessons?
 - We do not provide individual lessons for children or adults as our resources are extremely limited.
 - Here are some pros in the area who provide individual lessons:
 - Tony Bishop (Nevada Bob's)
 - Olly Thompson, Billy Allen (Deerfield Golf Club)*
 - Derek Benson (Patrick Farms Golf Club)*
 - Thomas Watkins (Whisper Lake Golf Club)*
 - Brent Belton (Bay Pointe Golf Club)
 - Individual lessons are subject to each professional's fees and availability. First Tee does not negotiate discounted rates for individual lessons or guarantee instructor availability.
- * Lessons at these locations may be subject to membership at the facility.
- Where should I buy my child golf clubs?

- There are several options, including purchasing golf clubs through First Tee. We do offer limited buys once or twice a year.
 - Here are some other great options:
 - Nevada Bob's Golf Shop
 - The Pro Shop at your class location*
 - Dicks Sporting Goods
 - Edwin Watts Golf Shop
 - We recommend that you buy clubs from someone that knows how to size kids correctly.
 - If you need help choosing clubs speak with the coach at your program site, or contact us we would be happy to help!
- * Not all class locations sell clubs.