

NEWSLETTER



652 Participants in our 2019 Certification Program!
6,994 Participants in our 2019 Outreach Program!

A message from The First Tee of Harrisonburg Board Chairman, Dan Nardi . . .



We have many people to say thank you to for our continued growth and impact with area youth. Our sponsors and donors have provided increased support and our youth participants continue to grow. 2019 saw growth in youth programs certifications and National Schools Programs and we have launched our Fairways for Heroes program for local veterans and first responders. A **BIG THANK YOU** to our many supporters, participants and kids and parents. Our growth in Harrisonburg/Rockingham County and Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta, Shenandoah and Page County has been amazing and we look forward to continued growth while being mindful of ensuring quality outcomes.

On behalf of our Board and organization, this Newsletter is a small way to acknowledge our many sponsors and numerous In-kind Supporters. **Our Nine Core**

Values and Life Skills Program resonate and we are proud that we can offer 80% of our kid's financial support so all interested kids can enjoy programing and have access to our facilities, use of free clubs if needed and play golf for free.

We are thankful for our relationships with Heritage Oaks, Massanutten Resort, Lakeview, Ironwood, and Waynesboro Country Club. We have excellent outdoor and indoor facilities (with heated bays and a simulator!) at our First Tee Rotary Learning Center at Heritage Oaks Golf Course. Please come see us! Parents & kids, volunteers, donors and golfers – all are always welcome. Thank you for your support.

Dan Nardi, Board Chair

Meet the New Executive Director

Tom Tattersall has been with The First Tee of Harrisonburg since 2016. As a graduate of Randolph-Macon College with a major in communications, he is excited to lead the organization. He started as a volunteer and quickly fell in love with growing local youth development opportunities, as well as growing the game of golf in the Valley. Tom is a Level II coach with The First Tee and is excited to help the organization grow in a positive direction.

Tom is a resident of Staunton, Virginia and has been a golfer in the Valley for more than 15 years. Tom looks forward to a strong year of growth and impact with The First Tee of Harrisonburg, and continues to find new and exciting ways to grow the game of golf and impact the lives of youth on a daily basis.



Our Mission Statement

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

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We would like to welcome three new members who joined The First Tee of Harrisonburg Board of Directors in 2019!

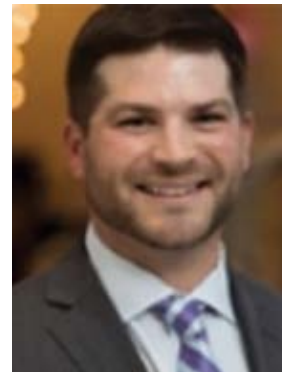
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Contact Information and Program Locations

There are a number of ways to contact us at The First Tee of Harrisonburg and we'd love to hear from you! Please be sure to follow us throughout the year on our website and on social media for details, updates, information on ways to help, and LOTS of wonderful photos from our many events and programs all season long!

Home office & Program Location #1

The First Tee of Harrisonburg
Rotary Learning Center
Heritage Oaks Golf Course
690 Garbers Church Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
540-437-4239

Program Location #2

Woodstone Meadows Golf Course
Massanutten Resort
300 Silverstone Lane
McGaheysville, VA 22840
www.massresort.com
540-289-4919

Program Location #3

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Program Location #4

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62 Country Club Circle
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www.theclubatironwood.com
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Waynesboro, VA 22980
www.waynesborogcc.com
540-943-1131

Program Location #6

Shenvalee Golf Resort
9660 Fairway Drive
New Market, VA 22844
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Certification

ADVANCING THROUGH THE PROGRAM

From ages 7 through 18, youth progress through levels by demonstrating **The First Tee Nine Core Values**, life and golf skills as well as passing an assessment. All participants, regardless of age, start at the PLAYer level. The pinnacle of The First Tee is completing Ace.

- **PLAYer** (required minimum age 7)
Tee it up for the first time and learn the game of golf and The First Tee's Code of Conduct.
- **Par** (recommended minimum age 9)
Focus on interpersonal and self-management skills on and off the course.
- **Birdie** (recommended minimum age 11)
Emphasis on setting goals and making them a reality.
- **Eagle** (recommended minimum age 13)
Learn resilience, conflict resolution, and future planning.
- **Ace** (required minimum age 14 or entering 9th grade)
Put it all together and hone in on setting goals, career education, and giving back to the community.



Massimo Lentati passes his Par Certification

In 2019, we had 652 participants in our Certification Program

Outreach-National School Program-DRIVE

“Outreach” consists of our National School Programs, DRIVE, and any other interaction we have with youth that is not considered our Certification Program. This can range from fieldtrips to our facilities, going to schools and working with their students, and community programs where we interact with kids and their parents.



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National School Program

The National School Program brings our curriculum to the school's gym during physical education class. Through safe, fun activities, elementary students are learning the basic skills of the lifelong sport of golf. By teaching elementary students The First Tee Nine Core Values and Nine Healthy Habits, we're putting them on the course to a healthy and active lifestyle.

NATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Create a safe introduction to golf for today's students and teachers.
- Ensure that golf education meets the same national standards developed by the Society for Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE).
- Help students build character and confidence through the positive personal and social values associated with the game.
- Engage students in daily lesson activities that lead to development of basic golf motor skills.
- Show students that golf can be a great lifelong recreation and health-enhancing activity.
- Make the positive values of golf a part of the classroom and students' everyday lives.

THE FIRST TEE OF HARRISONBURG'S NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCATIONS

- Thomas Harrison Middle School
- Skyline Middle School
- John Wayland Elementary
- Elkton Elementary
- McGaheysville Elementary
- Plains Elementary
- Wilson Elementary
- Craigsville Elementary
- Riverheads Elementary
- North River Elementary
- Bessie Weller Elementary
- Ware Elementary
- McSwain Elementary
- W.W. Robinson Elementary
- Ashby Lee Elementary
- Sandy Hook Elementary



RECENT PARENT TESTIMONIALS!

"The First Tee of Harrisonburg continues to have a lasting impact on our daughters. Both Abby and Emily learned to play golf through the programs at age 6. Both have enjoyed the classes and live by the nine core values still today. However, Abby prefers to just play for fun and Emily enjoys playing for both fun and competitively. The First Tee of Harrisonburg prepares kids for both! Emily is not only playing DIII golf in college, but plans a career in communications, hopefully working for The First Tee or Girls Golf Program someday. We could never have afforded her passion for golf, if not for the program. We are very grateful."

Jennifer Villacrusis

"I highly recommend First Tee of Harrisonburg to any parent looking for quality, effective golf instruction for their child. First Tee makes it easy for children to learn the game of golf at any level— from beginner to more experienced players. I also appreciate that they emphasize 9 positive core values to encourage your child's confidence as he/she learns to chip, putt, and drive. My son has participated in First Tee classes for several years. He has really enjoyed working with the knowledgeable, encouraging coaches and meeting other kids who enjoy the worthy challenge of learning to play golf."

Susan Lentati

"I have only good things to say about First Tee Harrisonburg. My

son has enjoyed and learned so much from First Tee since he was 4. This has been a positive, fun and safe learning experience. The learning isn't just about skills. The essence and attitude of golf is well shared. Coaches are always supportive to encourage kids. We've also got a variety of learning opportunities including competitions and different courses. If I were to move, I definitely want to move to somewhere First Tee is close by. This is a wonderful organization for kids to grow up with."

Telin Lin

"We are so grateful to the First Tee program in Harrisonburg. Our youngest son started with First Tee as a middle-schooler in the golf club at THMS, and now he plays on the varsity golf team. This program is a wonderful way to introduce kids of ALL backgrounds to the lifelong game of golf, a game that is competitive both individually as well as with teams.

First Tee has been instrumental in making sure the young players have equipment to use and opportunities to play that make it possible for anyone to participate. Through this program and the sport of golf, the youth learn valuable skills that go beyond the obvious physical skills. This sport offers them character development as well as decades of exercise and enjoyment. I think this is one of the greatest opportunities that we have for our youth here in the city of Harrisonburg."

Angie and Jon Osinkosky

Staunton-Waynesboro-Augusta County Update

The First Tee of Harrisonburg has had a successful year with classes in Augusta County. We were able to reach over 100 Kids from ages 4 to 15 at our Augusta County Locations for our certification curriculum, a number we would like to double by next year. Classes will start back up in April of 2020 at both The Club at Ironwood and Waynesboro Golf & Country Club. We are excited to conclude another successful year of classes and continually growing support from the local community alike.

We are also excited to announce a successful year of our National School Program in Craigsville Elementary, North River Elementary, Riverheads Elementary, Wilson Elementary, Bessie Weller Elementary, McSwain Elementary, and Ware Elementary. We look forward to continue to grow our program and work with more schools.

Thanks to the support of Dr. Eric Bond, Eric Obaugh, Steve McDonough, Greg See, Fulton Sensabaugh, John Dodd, and Eric Hooke!



STAUNTON-AUGUSTA YMCA will Change to Shenandoah County Update

In April we will begin our first session of classes at Shenvalee Golf Resort. With the help of the staff and our coaches, we look forward to growing the program location to be one of our most successful. We will offer classes once a week for students from ages 5-17. Look for our posted schedule coming in February.

We also are excited to announce the implementation of our National School Program in W.W. Robinson Elementary, Ashby Lee Elementary, and Sandy Hook Elementary Schools. We look forward to working in this fantastic school system to impact youth positively in Shenandoah County.



Middle School Golf Club

Our golf programs with Thomas Harrison, Skyline and Montevideo Middle Schools were, once again, well attended during the spring and fall semesters. We are extremely proud of this no-cost program provided for city and county students interested in learning the game of golf. Thomas Harrison and Skyline Middle School students visit our Rotary Learning Center at Heritage Oaks Golf Course Thursday afternoons while Montevideo students participate at Lakeview Golf Course Friday afternoons. Thank you to all of our coaches and volunteers who supported these activities and a very special **Thank You** to the JMU Men's and Women's golf teams for all their volunteer work!



Luke Mowery



What has been your favorite thing about being a part of The First Tee? My favorite thing about First Tee is being able to play with friends and helping others learn more about golf.

What are your favorite core values or the ones you think are most important to you? While all the values are important, Respect and Sportsmanship are the most important. These two values are represented the most by golfers and are great areas to teach the other values from.

What other activities, besides golf do you enjoy? Besides golf, I am involved in TSA(Technology Students Association), NHS(National Honor Society), Leadership Committee, my youth group, and I also enjoy spending time with friends.

What is your favorite subject in school? Where would you like to go to college, and what would you like to major in? My favorite subjects in school are history, math, and science. I would like to attend Clemson University to study either Engineering or Chemistry/Physics.

Luke completed his Eagle Certification last Spring and is now an ACE level participant at The First Tee of Harrisonburg. Not only is Luke a participant in The First Tee, but he is also a volunteer and has been an assistant coach for the last couple of years. In addition to school and the First Tee, Luke also works at Heritage Oaks golf course and practices as much as he can in his free time. He has been one of the hardest working participants we have ever had and we know he will accomplish all his goals.

Did You Know?

Did you know The First Tee of Harrisonburg has started a special program for Veterans In October of 2019? “Fairways for Hero’s” is a program we have tailored to serve active duty and retired local military as well as local Fire Fighters, Police Officers and Emergency Medical Service personnel. At The First Tee of Harrisonburg, we believe our veterans are the back bone of the United States of America and without them, there would be no Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Our program will provide free golf instruction, equipment and access to our learning facilities and plenty of great fellowship. We would like to also say thank you to the professional golfers from around the Shenandoah Valley that have pledged their time to help grow and develop this program.

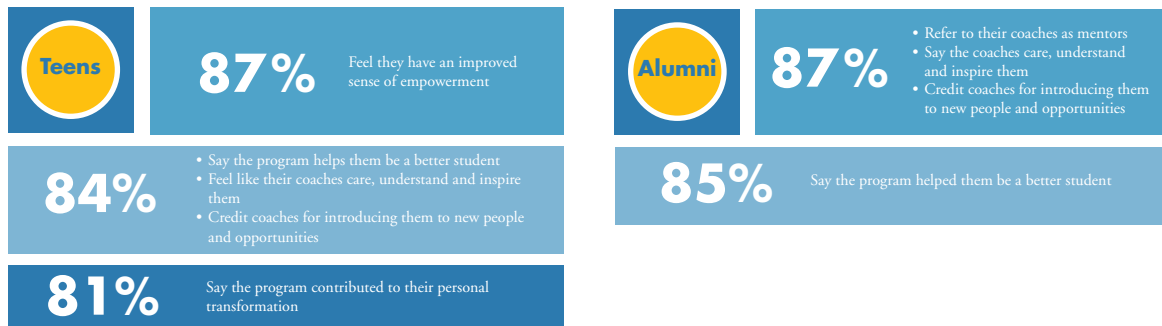


Did you know The First Tee of Harrisonburg works with at-risk youth who face criminal charges? For nearly ten years, The First Tee of Harrisonburg has been running a very successful Juvenile Diversion program. This unique program is designed to keep children out of the court system who have committed their first offense. Participants in this program are referred to our facilities by juvenile probation officers from the 26th District Juvenile Court Service Unit. During this nine-week program participants receive mentorship and guidance on goal setting, interpersonal skills, conflict resolution and more. In addition, participants in the program are introduced to the game of golf and the 9 Core Values of The First Tee. The goal of this program is to help participants reflect on the choices they have made and supply them with skills they need to make better choices in the future. We are extremely proud of this unique program made possible through a strong partnership with the Juvenile Intake Officers within our 26th District Juvenile Court Service Unit.

We did some studying as an organization, and we found out that . . .



Creating a Lasting Impact

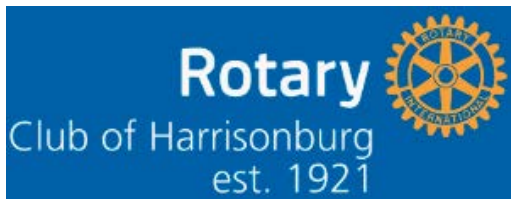


THE POWER OF SUPPORT

The First Tee of Harrisonburg is grateful to the many individuals, foundations, corporations, golf course staff, volunteers and coaches for providing chapter support during 2019. We also appreciate the many in-kind donations received throughout the year that help our chapter save \$thousands\$ each year. Thanks to this incredible support and promotion, we were able to introduce the Life Skills Experience and golf to over 7,000 young people in our community!

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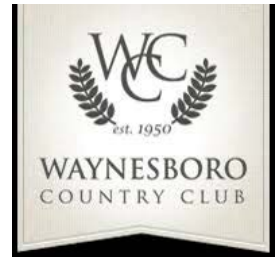
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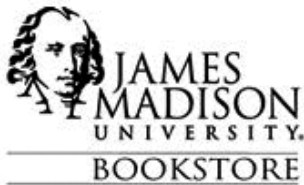
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Thank You In-kind Supporters!

Throughout the year we receive tons of in-kind support from individuals and organizations in the form of golf equipment, golf balls, food, furniture, tournament giveaways, and much more. We would like to recognize the following in-kind supporters who have helped our chapter over the last year. Thank you so much for supporting The First Tee of Harrisonburg!



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Hunting Hills Country Club
Mariners Landing Golf Course
Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech
Green Hills
Mulligan's Golf Center
Shenvalee Golf Resort

7th Annual Michael L. Carrier Golf Tournament



Emily Villicrusis and Brooke Kelley

The *Michael L. Carrier Golf Tournament* was established by the Carrier family in 2013 to honor and remember Michael for his love of golf and also to support the mission of The First Tee. Your participation and support of the *Michael L. Carrier Golf Tournament* means a lot and will continue to help a young person build character and life skills that can be used in school, at home and in the community. Our 2019 tournament was a great success! We raised over \$32,000 in sponsorships and silent auction proceeds!

We also offered for the first time, two separate \$1,000 *Michael L. Carrier Scholarships* to two local high school seniors. Emily Villicrusis and Brooke Kelley (Turner Ashby High School) were the recipients of the 2019 scholarships. Emily now attends Randolph-Macon College and Brooke now attends Blue Ridge Community College. Your contributions made it possible to provide these scholarships. Thank You!!

The MLC tournament always provides good food, fun, fellowship and lots of competition to all who attend. Prizes are awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin and lowest scores. Lunch is provided as well as door prizes and silent auction items.

The Carrier family deeply appreciates your continued support and generosity and we look forward to seeing you next year! Details for next year's tournament:

Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Heritage Oaks Golf Course, 9:00 a.m. shotgun start

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Mrs. Edith Carrier

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We would like to send a special thank you to the tournament committee members!
Linda Carrier--Dale Hulvey--Dick and Jenny Lyons--Kim Huffman
Matasha Owens--Dan Nardi--Garrett King--Jeff Simmons

2019 Charlie Obaugh AutoGroup Two-Player Championship a Huge Success!



For the third year in a row our chapter has partnered with Mr. Eric Obaugh and the Charlie Obaugh AutoGroup Two-Player Championship held at The Club at Ironwood in Staunton. Thank you so much to everyone who participated either as a player or sponsor. The First Tee of Harrisonburg raised over \$8,500 thanks to a very generous donation of \$3,000 from the Charlie Obaugh AutoGroup Family. Congratulations again to this year's championship flight winners Tim Floyd and Andrew Bartley.



Stuart and Easton Trask

SAVE THE DATE!

2020 Charlie Obaugh
Two-Player
Championship

At

The Club at Ironwood

May 2nd & 3rd, 2020

18th Annual The First Tee of Harrisonburg Golf Classic

On June 21st The First Tee of Harrisonburg hosted its 18th Annual The First Tee of Harrisonburg Golf Classic fundraiser at Heritage Oaks Golf Course. This year we were able to raise over \$27,000 from generous sponsors and participants to support our youth development efforts. We would like to recognize all who played and sponsored and to give a very special THANK YOU to Riddleberger Brothers, Inc. for being this year's Ace sponsor.

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to the entire Harrisonburg
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for donating lunch!



SAVE THE DATE!

19th Annual The First Tee of Harrisonburg
Golf Classic
June 20, 2020
9:00 a.m. shotgun start





McDonough Toyota 2-Man Augusta Championship

Thank you, Mr. Frank and Steve McDonough, for supporting our chapter yet again in 2019! Congratulations to Greg and Parker See for winning this years Championship. This two-day event was held August 17th and 18th at The Club at Ironwood in Staunton and once again benefited The First Tee of Harrisonburg. This year's tournament yet again was sold out, so make sure you save the date **August 15th & 16th, 2020** and sign up ASAP!

The 2020 Augusta County Championship will be held again at The Club at Ironwood.



Meet Nate Hildebrand

My name is Nate Hildebrand, I'm 24 years old from Staunton, Va. In 2014 I graduated from Buffalo Gap High School. I started playing golf when I was 5 years old and have loved it ever since. Being a coach at The First Tee allows me to introduce kids to a game that teaches them important life lessons through the 9 core values and a game that they can play for the rest of their lives.

The First Tee is excited to have Nate on board. We would like to congratulate him on setting the course record at Heritage Oaks Golf Course with a score of 61!



4th Annual The First Tee of Harrisonburg at Massanutten Golf Tournament

Our chapter wrapped up the 2019 event season in style with our 4th Annual The First Tee of Harrisonburg at Massanutten Golf Tournament at Woodstone Meadows Golf Course. For the 4th year in a row our ACE SPONSOR was McDaniel Contractor Services out of Elkton, VA! Congratulations to the McDaniel team for winning this year's 4th Annual Tournament.

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We would also like to recognize Travis and Cori Loan and everyone at Tropical Smoothie Café for graciously catering our tournament lunch for the 3rd year in a row! Thank you!!!

Thank You to Our Coaches, Volunteers, and Partners!

Without our dedicated volunteers and coaches, we would not be able to accomplish the growth and outreach we've experienced as an organization this year. With their help, we were able to expand and grow our territory, participation and donor base yet again. We look forward to working with our volunteers and coaches throughout the winter and in 2020.

WE'RE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF OUR PROGRAM PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

2020 Volunteers & Coaches

James Hairston	Zach Dobrin	Matthew Haemsch	Jenny Lyons
Dee Michael	Lester Hershey	Staff at	Dick Lyons
Bob Lewis	Steve Claffey	Staunton/Augusta YMCA	Kim Huffman
Greg Engel	John Rayford	David Johns, PGA	Matasha Owens
Blake Clark	Mike Layman	Glenn Payne, PGA	Kelly Adams
Jason Crawford, PGA	Dan and Alyce Nardi	Neil McDonaldson	Dr. Eric Bond
Mark Moretti, PGA	Jordan Biller	JMU Mens Golf Team	Sam Shaw
Ryan Hite	Jacob Carrara	JMU Womens Golf Team	Ryan Slonaker
Michael Wilhite	Eric Hooke	JMU Overcoming Barrier's	Mark Slonaker
Emily Villacrusis	Greg See	Mentors	Meade Slonaker
Luke Mowery	Charles King	Linda Carrier	Melissa Andrews
Chris Sorber	Windsor Vaughn	Walt Trobaugh	Michelle Koontz
Tyler Monk	Nate Hildebrand	Dale and Mary Jo Hulvey	

Meet Matt Haemsch, our new Program Coordinator

I was born and raised in Chattanooga, TN. I began my career in golf at a very young age following my dad around on the golf course, occasionally getting to chip and putt for him. At the age of 10 I got my introduction to more organized golf through the First Tee of Chattanooga and I have been hooked ever since. As I got older, I would spend my summers at different golf courses where my parents would drop me off on their way to work and I would spend the day playing and practicing.

After graduating high school I began a degree in accounting at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, but it wasn't long before I realized all I ever wanted to really do was work in the golf business. I left for Orlando to study professional golf management at The Professional Golfers Career College. After graduation in 2014, I began work as an assistant golf professional here in Harrisonburg at Spotswood Country Club.

I am excited to get the opportunity to work for the company that helped form my relationship with the game that I love and that I am truly passionate about. I hope that I can return the favor and provide not only knowledge of the game, but life skills and values that students can take with them wherever their futures might lead.



2019 Partner Organizations

Our program partnerships are extremely important towards our overall success. Thank you program partners!

A message from Brent Holsinger, Founder and President of On the Road Collaborative:



“The First Tee is an important resource for youth in our community. The game of golf was a defining part of my childhood, not only because I enjoyed and had success playing, but for the life lessons of perseverance, confidence and honesty that it taught me. We are fortunate that First Tee of Harrisonburg exists locally to provide these same life-changing opportunities for so many youth in our area.”

Rockingham County Summer School Program
Harrisonburg High School Summer School Program
Harrisonburg High School Summer Enrichment Program
Harrisonburg High School Golf Team
Staunton/Augusta YMCA
On the Road Collaborative
James Madison University Overcoming Barriers
Spotswood Elementary School
Bluestone Elementary School
Thomas Harrison Middle School
Skyline Middle School
Montevideo Middle School

Riverbend Elementary School
Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Dept.
Charterhouse School in Edinburg
Shenandoah Valley Academy
McGaheysville Elementary School
Elkton Elementary School
John Wayland Elementary School
Plains Elementary School
Craigsville Elementary School
North River Elementary School
Riverheads Elementary School
Wilson Elementary School
Ware Elementary School

McSwain Elementary School
Bessie Weller Elementary School
Heritage Oaks Golf Course
Lakeview Golf Course
Massanutten Resort
The Club at Ironwood
Waynesboro Country Club
Shenvalee Resort
Harrisonburg Massanutten Rotary Club
W.W. Robinson Elementary School
Ashby Lee Elementary School
Sandy Hook Elementary School

Are you looking for a great space to host your child's birthday party? Gender reveal party? Church retreat or wedding activities?

The First Tee of Harrisonburg Rotary Learning Center can accommodate your special event needs and would love to help! In the past 12 months we have hosted several birthday parties, baby showers, church retreats, and one wedding! It's truly a win-win, we provide a great space for your event in return for a contribution to our organization (rates may vary, please call for more details).



The First Tee participant, Jeffrey Riggs' birthday party.



Event space decorated for a wedding.



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We are excited to announce our "2020 The First Tee Golf Card" is now available for sale! The purchase price is \$50 and all proceeds benefit The First Tee of Harrisonburg. This year, 14 local golf courses and Mulligan's Golf Center generously agreed to FREE driving range balls and reduced golf rates. These coupon books make great gifts for all occasions and they SAVE you hundreds! Make your \$50 donation online at www.thefirstteeharrisonburg.org and receive your 2020 golf card today!

- (1) \$25.00 round of golf with cart coupon to the following courses: Bryce Resort, Fisher Mountain Golf Club, Heritage Oaks Golf Course, Lakeview Golf Club, Luray Caverns Country Club, Woodstone Meadows Golf Course, Mountain Greens Golf Course, Waynesboro Country Club, and Packsaddle Ridge Golf Club.
- (1) \$35.00 round of golf with cart to the following courses: The Club at Ironwood, Hunting Hills Country Club, and Mariners Landing Golf & Country Club.
- (1) \$45.00 round of golf with cart coupon to Spotswood Country Club. Monday - Friday only.
- (1) \$25 round of golf with cart coupon to Shenvalee Golf Resort Monday-Thursday.
- (2) FREE Large bucket coupons to Mulligan's Golf Center. No purchase necessary.
- (1) FREE bucket of range balls coupon to the following: Bryce Resort, Packsaddle Ridge Golf Club, Shenvalee Golf Resort, Woodstone Meadows Golf Course.
- (1) Buy one, get one free bucket of range balls at Heritage Oaks Golf Course.



Free range balls are also included with your round at The Club at Ironwood and Lakeview Golf Course.