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First Tee – GVR Participant Signs To Play College Golf

Longtime First Tee – Green Valley Ranch participant Kyle Leydon has had a busy year on the golf course. He competed in many tournaments this year, including the 2nd annual First Tee National Championship in South Bend, Indiana this summer and the Notah Begay III National Championship last month. Kyle also finished his high school career with an impressive T-8th finish in the CHSAA State Tournament. He now has another addition to his list of accomplishments, because on November 11th, Kyle signed to play Division I golf at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

"The First Tee has helped me be a better person and to learn to also truly enjoy the game and have fun with it," Kyle said, when asked what the First Tee has meant to him. "I'm excited to put my skills to the test against some of the best collegiate players in the nation." Kyle chose Creighton because "they just simply had everything I wanted in a D1 school and I couldn't be more excited to be a part of it."

Everyone here at the First Tee – Green Valley Ranch is so proud of Kyle for his hard work, determination, and positive attitude that has allowed him to succeed both on and off the golf course. Good luck Kyle, we can't wait to see you continue to succeed as a Bluejay!



Colorado Gives Day 2022

First Tee - Green Valley Ranch celebrated another wonderfully successful Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, December 6th, receiving **71 donations totaling \$137,000**. Because of the kids and families we serve and their success stories that are shared, there are many generous donors who continue to give year after year, and for that we are extremely grateful!

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FREE PAR 3 FOR TEEN PARTICIPANTS

Are you 13 years of age or older and active in First Tee - Green Valley Ranch programming? If so, don't forget to take advantage of our Free Par 3 program! This program allows you and up to 3 friends or family members to play the Green Valley Ranch Par 3 course at no cost. You can take advantage of this benefit by checking in at the golf shop. There are no time limitations and this is offered every day of the year the course is open!



FIRST TEE NETWORK SUMMIT IN DALLAS

After a 5-year hiatus, the First Tee Network Summit took place last month in Dallas. The 3-day event was the first time since 2017 that representatives from all 150 First Tee chapters came together to meet, share ideas, and learn more about the advancements in both programming and technology First Tee has been working on. It was a very rewarding and energizing experience for all those in attendance, including CEO Kevin Laura, Executive Director Julie Bryant, and Program Coordinator Aaron Pinkerton, along with Board Members Kelly Reidy and Jake Gilmore. Both Kelly and Jake had a very positive experience learning more about the ins and outs of the First Tee and having the chance to meet other Board Members from across the country who share their passion for supporting the First Tee.

Thank you to Kelly and Jake for joining us in Dallas!



Happy Holidays!

The First Tee - Green Valley Ranch hopes you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving spent with family and friends! We also wish you a happy holidays and a wonderful start to your new year in 2023!

