

# Monthly Divot

## November



### First Tee Leadership Summit

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In Emigrant, Montana, 20 participants from around the nation came together. This summit was a great experience for me to hone in on my leadership skills. During the summit, we grew in our leadership through creating authentic relationships, growing through challenges, and sharing our positive self-identity.

The participants worked in a series of workshops that focused on these concepts of leadership. At the end, we created and shared our personal leadership statements completing the phrase "This I believe".

We had the opportunity to meet famous Hollywood stars, Kathryn Newton, Michael Peña, and other significant role models. These people shared their personal stories and experiences and explained what it meant to be a leader. Hearing their stories allowed me to see how they lead by example in their daily lives.

Overall, the summit was amazing. Montana was a beautiful state and it was a great setting to learn more about leadership. I had many opportunities to get out of my comfort zone and try new things that I never have done before.

This experience showed me that listening to understand is a key principle of collaboration and I want to use that skill as I lead others. Thank you to the First Tee for selecting me for this opportunity. I am truly grateful for being able to participate in this experience!

# Leadership Summit Photos



## Programming Recap

Thanks to all who contributed to our successful 2023 programming season! We engaged participants at Green Valley Ranch and Buffalo Run, and collaborated with local schools and community organizations to impact over 2,500 children.

Here are some highlights from the past year:

### First Tee Participants:

- 425 participants came to our facilities at GVR and Buffalo Run



### Partnered Schools

- Kearney Middle School
- Montbello High School
- Alsup Elementary
- Lena Archuleta Elementary
- John Amesse Elementary
- Omar D Blair Charter School
- Reunion Elementary



### Community Partner

- The Boy Scouts of America
  - 17 Boy Scouts earned their Golf Merit Badge



### PGA Jr. League

- 2 teams of 12: 14 girls and 10 boys
- Roadrunners finished 3-2
- Coyotes finished 3-1



## Boy Scouts Golf Merit Badge

Last week was truly incredible as we had the honor of hosting the Boy Scouts of America for the second time at our facility! We take immense pride in supporting 17 scouts from 5 different troops in the Denver Metro and Colorado Springs regions as they earned their well-deserved golf merit badges.

These scouts diligently completed their coursework and then showcased their newly acquired golf skills by playing 18 holes on our par 3 course. It was a joy to witness their enthusiasm and proficiency in applying what they learned.

A heartfelt congratulations to these remarkable young individuals for a job well done!



## First Tee Regional Meeting

It was an honor to welcome local First Tee Chapters to the First Tee Regional Meeting at Green Valley Ranch. Our gratitude goes out to all the chapters that dedicated their time to join us. We deeply appreciate the chance to come together, collaborate, and share insights, all in pursuit of a unified objective.



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



### **Kim Martin**

**Otten Johnson, Managing Director**

Kim Martin, the Managing Director and a member of the Executive Committee at Otten Johnson, has made an extraordinary impact on the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. Her dedication and service have significantly contributed to the Foundation's success over the years.

Otten Johnson has been a regular donor dating back to 2008. Kim followed in her company's footsteps, assuming a role on the Board of Trustees in 2014. She is currently serving her fourth term, two of which she served on the executive committee. Kim has played an integral role as a member of the Board for the last decade.

Kim Martin's personal contributions, along with her company's donations, have surpassed \$150,000. This financial support has been invaluable to the Foundation's endeavors. Beyond her financial contributions and dedicated service on the Board, Kim actively engages in our Mentor Play Days, joining our First Tee participants for nine holes on the Par 3 course. This level of engagement demonstrates her genuine commitment to the COGF's mission and the development of young golfers.

Kim, your generous support and dedication to the participants of First Tee – GVR and the Board of Trustees, is immensely appreciated. Your influential role on the board over the last 10 years has been instrumental in driving the success of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation.