

# Monthly Divot first tee<sup>®</sup> October green valley ranch

## Boy Scouts Golf Merit Badge

Last October, we had the honor of helping 17 scouts from 5 different troops across the Denver Metro area receive their well-deserved golf merit badges. The scouts completed classroom work and then played 18 holes on the Par 3 course.

**This year, on October 19th, we have a record 19 Scouts registered to complete the required steps to earn their golf merit badges.**



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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

- Range set up with games & activities
- Clubs, clothing, balls, and more to give away

- First Tee participants (Ages 7+) and family members are welcome to play!
- Grilling hot dogs and burgers! (All First Tee participants and families welcome)



**12:30 PM-1:30 PM Food Served & Range Opens**

**1:30 PM-3 PM Play the Par 3**

RSVP to [APinkerton@ColoradoOpen.com](mailto:APinkerton@ColoradoOpen.com)  
Please include: 1) names of attendees  
2) Yes/No Playing Par 3

**Friday Play Days**



**There is only one Play Day left for the year! Join us for free golf, sweet treats, and fun. Don't miss out!**

**October 4th - \*5pm Shotgun Start\***



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## Participant Corner

This summer, First Tee - GVR participant Adelyn Westfall was selected by First Tee National to attend the First Tee Game Changers Academy Honoring Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. This was a five-day learning and empowerment academy in Minneapolis, MN. Participants were involved in important conversations embracing topics of self-awareness, inclusivity, and community building. Here's what Adelyn said about her experience.

"With this opportunity, participants from all walks of life were selected to attend the First Tee Game Changers Academy in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I was one of the lucky few who was given this amazing opportunity to go on this journey, where we were pushed every day to learn what it means to work on a team and build on our values and strengths.

The ability to see firsthand what strong values can accomplish, allowed for a more in-depth understanding of how each individual is a leader of their own, ultimately building relations and creating communities. As we learned about building a strong connection, we then later applied those skills in small groups of our own, further demonstrating the importance of values such as communication and maintaining an inclusive environment.

I want to thank the First Tee for giving me this amazing opportunity. Minnesota was an unforgettable experience, with lessons I will cherish throughout life. I was able to build new relationships with people from across the U.S. and make meaningful connections that will last a lifetime. I am so grateful that I was given this opportunity, and I am excited to apply and grow from what I have learned!"



## Donor Spotlight



## Fred Emich III

Fred Emich III has been a key supporter of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation for the past 11 years. As a third-generation auto dealer with over 47 years of experience, Fred began his career at his father's Ford dealership before establishing Emich Oldsmobile in Colorado. Under his leadership, the business expanded to nine locations, employing more than 500 people. After serving as the district president of AutoNation, Fred returned to the retail auto industry in 2006, founding Emich Automotive Group, which has received accolades such as the GM Mark of Excellence. His contributions to the auto industry were further recognized with his induction into the Colorado Automotive Hall of Fame.

Beyond his success in the automotive industry, Fred has demonstrated a deep and lasting commitment to the Colorado golfing community. Since 2013, he has generously donated nearly \$50,000 to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation, supporting the growth of the Inspirato Colorado Opens, which have sustained their status as the premier State Opens in the country, boasting the highest purses. His company, Emich Chevrolet, serves as the official automotive partner of the Colorado Opens.

Fred's generosity is evident through his donations to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation over the years. His partnership as the official automotive sponsor of the Colorado Opens and his philanthropic efforts have made a lasting impact on the foundation and its growth. Thank you, Fred, for your continued commitment to our community.

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