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**First Tee of Canton to Resume In-Person Youth Programming in June**

*Registration open for youth programs and First Tee of Canton Junior Tour*

**CANTON, OH** – First Tee of Canton is pleased to announce that it is starting summer programs in the Stark County area beginning on June 1. Programs are available for kids ages 5-18 and focus on personal growth and building character through golf. Registration is open for summer programs including the First Tee of Canton Junior Tour which starts June 8.

First Tee of Canton will follow all recommended guidelines from the CDC, state and local officials and will implement additional policies and procedures to responsibly protect all participants, parents, volunteers, and staff. Safety precautions include reducing class sizes, hand sanitizer available at all lessons, cleaning, and disinfecting of equipment after each use.

“Our top priority is the health and safety of our participants, staff and volunteers. We are looking forward to getting back to our fun and meaningful in-person programs that help kids build their strength of character to take on whatever comes their way but doing so in the safest way possible,” said Angela Palomba, Executive Director.

First Tee of Canton’s reopening aligns with the Back2Golf playbook, a guide to the responsible return to golf and golf-related programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. First Tee headquarters joined the game’s leading organizations to collaborate and develop the framework which was reviewed by the CDC and medical experts. The golf industry has adopted a three-phase approach for golf’s careful reopening and continuation of programs that focus on prolonged social distancing and enhanced sanitization practices.

For more information about First Tee of Canton visit [www.firstteecanton.org](http://www.firstteecanton.org) or call 330-452-5331.

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**About First Tee of Canton**

First Tee of Canton is a non-profit youth development program and golf instruction center that teaches life skills, healthy habits, and positive character development through the game of golf.

Located at 2525 25th Street NE, the Canton chapter has a nine-hole, par-three course and driving range with an indoor practice facility featuring two simulators, hitting nets, and putting green. Any child ages 5 – 18 can attend. Scholarships are available.

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