

First Tee seeks youth participants

Staff Report

A new youth initiative called the First Tee is set to launch this summer for two weeks beginning June 15, at Indian Ridge Golf Club.

The First Tee is a youth golf program designed to build honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment through the game of golf.

The program, begun by the World Golf Association in 1998 in St. Augustine, Fla., is now offered in 48 states and five international locations. It is endorsed by

the PGA and LPGA.

Locally, sponsors include Oxford Parks & Recreation, Oxford United Way, MU Evans Scholars, Coalition for a Healthy Community, The Knolls of Oxford, Oxford Community Foundation, Oxford Rotary, Indian Ridge Golf Club, Oxford Country Club, Hamilton Community Foundation, Wal-Mart Foundation (local and national sponsor), MU Partnership Office, G. Douglas Hoover, D.D.S. Inc. and local residents.

The two-week session begins June 15 and concludes June 26. General program time is 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Indian Ridge Golf Club.

Limited transportation from the TRI Community Center will be provided. If youth do not have clubs, equipment will be provided.

Boys and girls ages 8-18 are eligible to participate; 30 youth will be accommodated this inaugural year. Cost is \$89 per youth for the two-week program. Scholarships are available.

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