

GCSAA's First Tee Program Needs You!

In June 1998, GCSAA established its commitment to the World Golf Foundation's First Tee initiative. GCSAA is one of several national organizations directly involved with The First Tee to offer support of The First Tee initiative to bring affordable and accessible golf facilities to communities across the country.

Because GCSAA and its affiliated chapters are represented across the U.S., our members are ideally located to assist with the development of First Tee facilities. GCSAA members stay active in their profession in their communities, supporting golf course management and environmental initiatives. Working with The First Tee chapters across the country, superintendents are providing input crucial to the long-term health of First Tee golf courses and the health of the game.

Currently there are 62 GCSAA First Tee liaisons. The role of a GCSAA liaison varies from city to city. Whether or not your community/state is considering a First Tee or

not, it's important to have a liaison listed in the event of community interest. The opportunity for involvement is endless.

In some communities, superintendents are represented on local First Tee boards; others are highly visible in the actual construction process. There are superintendents volunteering to be a part of The First Tee Life Skills process, and in some communities superintendents are strictly informational points of contact. For example, if someone in their local community requests information regarding The First Tee as the contact, he/she provides the interested party the information. First Tee information kits are sent to GCSAA

members who are The First Tee liaison for their chapter. The kit is a manual full of information to assist the superintendent in answering most First Tee questions. Information can also be found on The First Tee Web site at: www.thefirsttee.org

The MAGCS does not currently have a designated First Tee liaison. If you are interested in giving back to the game in this capacity, please contact a Midwest Board member for further details.

(Editor's Note: The First Tee's Midwest headquarters are located at Midwest Golf House in Lemont.)





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