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**THE FIRST TEE OF WEST VIRGINIA TO HOST PROGRAMS
AT HISTORIC BLACK KNIGHT MUNICIPAL PARK**

(Beckley, WV) – Beginning in April, youth ages 5+ will continue to have an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity and sportsmanship at the newly re-opened Historic Black Knight Municipal Park.

“We are extremely excited to be given the opportunity to have our programming available at the Historic Black Knight Municipal Park” stated Brad Ullman, Executive Director of the West Virginia Golf Association. “Our chapter was originally founded under the name “The First Tee of Beckley” in 2000. We are grateful for the 19-years of support the community has shown our program. Brier Patch Golf Course has been a wonderful partner in the past and we are excited to see our impact on area youth continue to grow at our new host facility.”

The Life Skills Experience is one of the unique features that separates The First Tee from all other junior golf programs. It is used to further enhance and instill the inherent values of the game of golf and teach participants how these values transfer into other aspects of their lives. These lessons for life are learned through a variety of golf-related activities. Participants learn about themselves and others through a range of experiences enhancing their golf skills and fundamental values for life. As opportunities on the golf course expand so do the opportunities for the rest of their lives.

“The primary goal is always to have fun” says Ashley Hamilton, Director of The First Tee of West Virginia. “Our programs help young people build confidence, develop respect and appreciate the value of giving back to our community all while learning the lifelong sport of golf.”

The first session of programming will begin the week of April 15, 2019 and run through the week of May 20, 2019. All participants are required to pre-register online for class. General information about the organization along with frequently asked questions can be found at www.thefirstteewestvirginia.org. To register click on the “REGISTER” button in the top-right corner of the homepage; financial aid can be requested during the online registration process.

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ABOUT THE FIRST TEE OF WEST VIRGINIA: The First Tee of West Virginia is a state-wide youth development organization operated by the West Virginia Golf Association, focused on introducing the game of golf and its inherent values to young people. On golf courses, in elementary schools and on military installations, The First Tee has helped shape the lives of young people from all walks of life by teaching values like integrity, respect and perseverance. Our mission, supported in part by Smith Land Surveying Inc., Little General Stores and Tri-State Roofing & Sheet Metal Company is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. Through our programs young people discover how skills essential to success on a golf course can also help them flourish in life.