



**INAUGURAL FRANCES P. JORDON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

(Charleston, WV) – Each year, The First Tee of West Virginia holds several premier fundraising and community events to aid in serving the ever-growing number of participants.

The first fundraiser of the year is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2017 at Big Bend Golf Course in Tornado, WV. The event will be played in a scramble format and golfers can register in advance as a full foursome or as an individual player. The event will begin at 9:00am. The registration fee of \$75 per player will cover 18-holes of golf with a cart, lunch, beverages on course and awards following the tournament. All proceeds from the event will help fund the future plans for the Frances P. Jordon Golf Learning Center at Coonskin Park.

“The Frances P. Jordon Golf Learning Center has been a blessing to The First Tee program at Coonskin Park and we cannot thank the Coonskin Park Foundation and Mr. Andrew Jordon enough, ” says Ashley Hamilton, Director of The First Tee of West Virginia. “The future plans will not only benefit the youth participating in the programming we offer, but the entire greater Charleston community.”

Frances P. Jordon Golf Learning Center officially opened on April 9, 2011. The 28-acre golf facility has 60x100 natural Bermuda Tee Box, six target greens and state of the art Fiberbuilt Synthetic Turf for inclement weather and winter usage. The facility is the largest public range in the state of WV, is one of the most used facilities in the Kanawha County Park Facilities and currently serves as one of the programming locations of The First Tee of West Virginia. Future plans include covering the synthetic hitting area and adding a short game area complete with putting green, bunker and chipping areas.

For more information on The First Tee of West Virginia fundraisers please visit <http://www.thefirstteewestvirginia.org> or Ashley Hamilton, Director of The First Tee of West Virginia, at [ahamilton@wvga.org](mailto:ahamilton@wvga.org) or 304-536-5000 ext. 205.

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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 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.

**ABOUT THE COONSKIN PARK FOUNDATION:**

Coonskin Park Foundation, Inc. purpose is to promote, enhance, and contribute to the recreational, athletic, educational, and physical welfare of the citizens within the service area of Coonskin Park, Kanawha County, West Virginia.

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