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**THE FIRST TEE OF WEST VIRGINIA TO BEGIN SUMMER PROGRAMMING  
AT BROOKE HILLS PARK IN WELLSBURG, WV**

(Charleston, WV) – The First Tee of West Virginia is growing! This summer, young people ages 5-18, will have the opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity and sportsmanship at Brooke Hills Park in Wellsburg, WV.

The Life Skills Experience is one of the unique features that separates The First Tee program from all other junior golf programs. The Life Skills Experience 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 with the primary goal of having fun. 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 First Tee uses golf to teach youth life lessons and leadership skills,” says Ashley Hamilton, Director of The First Tee of West Virginia. “Sessions include a fun, group setting for youth to help them to become good golfers and even better people.”

Registration for Little General Juniors (ages 5-7) and PLAYer (ages 8+), is available now. A link to register can be found on our website <http://www.thefirstteewestvirginia.org>. The first of two summer sessions will begin the week of Monday, May 22, 2017.

For more information on The First Tee programming please visit <http://www.thefirstteewestvirginia.org> or contact Director of The First Tee of West Virginia, Ashley Hamilton at [ahamilton@wvga.org](mailto:ahamilton@wvga.org) or 304-391-5000 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, supported in part by *Citizens Conservation Corps of West Virginia, 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.

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