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The First Tee of Greater Chicago to Host a Skills Challenge at Bonnie Brook Golf Course

Glenview, Ill. – On Wednesday, July 16th at 9:30am, youth from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Waukegan, Oakdale and Genesee sites and the Lions Math and Science Academy will be competing in a golf and life skills challenge at Bonnie Brook Golf Course, a facility operated by the Waukegan Park District.

The competition is the concluding event for the clubs' summer The First Tee Life Skills Experience Program, where youth were taught life-enhancing values, Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Confidence, Responsibility, Perseverance, Courtesy, and Judgment and how to make healthy choices through the game of golf.

This event and the program are part of a collaborative partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lake County, the Lions Math and Science Academy and The First Tee of Greater Chicago, who are working together to build a better community by exposing at-risk youth to positive behaviors and activities. In addition to these organizations, there are over thirty other local youth who are participating in The First Tee programs this summer.

Rob Dauphinais, Executive Director of The First Tee of Greater Chicago, said, "In its first year at Bonnie Brook Golf Course, our program has flourished because of partnerships with The Boys & Girls Club of Lake County and the Lions Math and Science Academy and we look forward to building on this relationship with groups in the northeastern Illinois region for years to come."

Bonnie Brook's John LaFoone, PGA Golf Professional and trained The First Tee Coach Level I Coach, and The First Tee of Greater Chicago's Darryl Stackhouse, Lake Country Program Director, a 20 year PGA Golf Professional and Certified The First Tee Coach have been overseeing this program and will be on hand to answer any questions and provide more information about The First Tee programs.

To learn more about The First Tee of Greater Chicago programs at the Waukegan Park District, please visit www.TheFirstTeeGreaterChicago.org/Waukegan. New programs open to the general public are set to begin in August.

About The First Tee of Greater Chicago

The First Tee is an international youth development initiative of the World Golf Foundation and is supported by the leading organizations in golf. The First Tee of Greater Chicago, a 501 (c) 3 organization, is one of nearly two hundred chapters located throughout the country and in five international locations dedicated to impacting 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. This year, the Greater Chicago chapter will reach nearly 1,000 young people

through its core program, the Life Skills Experience, at locations that include Chicago Park District golf facilities, Foss Park GC (North Chicago), Glenwoodie GC (Glenwood), Cog Hill (Lemont), Harborside International GC (Chicago), and Waukegan Park District golf facilities starting in June. Additionally, this year over 15,000 Chicagoland elementary students will be introduced to golf and character education programming through The First Tee National School Program and another 620 youth through The First Tee DRIVE program at community facilities that include Boys & Girls Club and YMCA locations.

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