



Mark Your Calendars for the Fourth Annual 9-4-9 Golf-a-Thon: Halloween Edition!

We just wrapped up a summer full of great learning experiences at First Tee—Canton and fall is here with all its opportunities for fun!

For the past couple of years, a number of First Tee kids participated in our first annual Golf-a-Thon where they had fun, got to practice their golf skills, and learned important life lessons in giving back. The kids played as many holes of golf as they could in a two-hour time frame, encouraged by the pledges-per-hole they secured prior to the two-day event. Over the past three years, these Golf-a-Thon participants raised close to \$15,000 for First Tee—Canton! This BIG accomplishment on their behalf helps First Tee keep classes accessible to all kids, regardless of their family's ability to pay. **Again, we are so grateful to these participants and their families who made this possible.**

Because of the great success of the first 9-4-9 Golf-a-Thon, First Tee—Canton is hosting the fourth annual **Golf-a-Thon on October 7, 2023**. This year, we're adding to the fun by inviting all those playing (including family members) to wear their Halloween costumes! And, of course, we'll have an opportunity for trick-or-treating as a warm-up for the big day! If your child is interested in participating Golf-a-Thon, here's how it works:

- 1.) First Tee—Canton kids who choose to participate will secure pledges per hole played, and then sign up for a two-hour play slot on Saturday, October 7 (a total of 20 slots are available for each two-hour period, with a shotgun start.) [Signing up is easy here.](#) Once your child is signed up, he/she will download and print their pledge sheet. Kids are encouraged to politely ask friends and family to support them in Golf-a-Thon, explaining that the funds raised will allow kids who can't afford the class fee to participate on scholarship.
- 2.) For the two-hour time slot, the kids will play as many holes as possible at the First Tee course, earning those pledges to support First Tee—Canton programming.
- 3.) **Pledges will be turned in by October 20, 2023.** Those kids raising \$50 or more will receive a tee-shirt, and cool prizes are available for top dollar amounts raised*, including a \$150 credit for 2024 programming.

*If there is a tie in most dollars raised, the participant who had the most unique donors will be named the winner.

We at First Tee—Canton truly appreciate your time in considering this activity for your child. If you have any questions, please contact our development coordinator, Nanci Miller at nmiller@firstteecanton.org or call or text Nanci at (330)754-8253.