

## **428.41 The First Tee of Tucson Youth Golf & Life Skills Center at Crooked Tree**

**Location:** Crooked Tree Golf Course. 9101 N. Thornydale Rd., Tucson, AZ 85742.

**Scope:** Plan, design and construct an affiliate site of The First Tee of Tucson Youth Golf and Life Skills Program at the Pima County-owned Crooked Tree Golf Course, formerly known as Arthur Pack Golf Course. There are 5.6 acres available on this current site to construct a 9-hole par 3 course, short game practice area and a First Tee Youth Learning Center and Clubhouse complete with classroom space, offices and a computer lab. The First Tee of Tucson is a chapter of The First Tee a division of the World Golf Foundation based in St. Augustine, Florida.

**Benefits:** A Junior Golf Program with a mission 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. This will be more than a sports program for kids & teens. The First Tee is an international youth development organization introducing the game of golf and its inherent values to young people. Through after school and in school programs, we help shape the lives of young people from all walks of life by reinforcing values like integrity, respect and perseverance through the game of golf. And it's making a difference. The research-proven programs are having a positive impact on participants, their families and their communities that offers affordable access to those individuals who might not have otherwise have the opportunity to be exposed to golf. The First Tee of Tucson teaches the Nine Core Values: Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Perseverance, Courtesy, and Judgment. In addition to learning fundamentals of the golf swing and the game, character education and life skills programs help young people prepare for success in high school, college and life. The Youth Leadership & Curriculum focuses on how to manage emotion, how to set goals, how to resolve conflicts, how to introduce themselves, and how to communicate with others.

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$ 1,000,000

**Bond Funding Estimate:** \$800,000

**Other Funding Estimate:** \$200,000 (Proceeds from Tucson Conquistadores Professional Golf Event)

**Total Cost Estimate by Major Task:** \$100,000 for planning and design, \$900,000 for construction

**Implementation Periods:** 3, 4

**Project Schedule by Major Task:** Planning and design at 3 months, construction at 6 months.

**Project Manager:** Pima County (Project requested by Tucson Conquistadors)

**Operator:** Tucson Conquistadors

**Regional Benefits:** With one in four students dropping out of public high schools, quality youth programs are critical. The First Tee golf program can be part of the solution to challenges facing today's youth. The First Tee of Tucson model currently at El Rio Golf Course is highly successful and the demand for an additional location in the Northwest part of the County will address full classes and transportation barriers for kids. The First Tee of Tucson Learning

Center at Crooked Tree would be a dedicated space for youth and teens. Kids who go to the center have access not only to golf but access to homework help, special events, fitness training for golf, service projects, and other programs and activities.