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<Golf Course> to Host Innovative, Educational First Green Event, <Date>

<city, state> – <golf course> will host an innovative environmental education outreach program that uses golf courses as environmental learning labs, when golf course superintendent <name> welcomes <number> <grade of students> from <school> for a First Green event, <date>.

Students are scheduled to arrive at <golf course> (address) at <time>. The schedule includes <xxxxxx>

First Green focuses on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) principles where students get hands-on learning opportunities in a real-life setting. First Green curriculum benefits students in middle school to 12th grade by helping them apply their classroom knowledge in an outdoor setting.

Students will participate in stations where they <test water quality, collect soil samples, identify plants, learn about wildlife, water conservation, calculate green speed with a stimpmeter, etc…, and then hit or putt golf balls>.

Media are encouraged to attend the event, but should contact <superintendent> at <e-mail and/or phone> prior to the day of the field trip.

To learn more about First Green visit [www.TheFirstGreen.org](http://www.TheFirstGreen.org)

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