

# Cultivating Character: A Service-Learning Project with The First Tee of Golden Isles



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## Partner Description

- First Tee of Golden Isles is a youth development organization that impacts 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. They strive to make golf accessible to all, regardless of income.



Instructor leading the kids in an on course drill.

## Background Research

- Over the past four years, there has been a dramatic rise in the number of kids participating in golf. (National Golf Foundation)
- 26% of kids aged 6-12 wanted to play sports but couldn't because of low income. (Project Play)
  - With research in class I found that passing a SSPLOST could possibly help make sports more accessible

## Project Description

- We worked closely with leaders to set up golf drills and behind the scenes activities.
- Using library databases we found scholarly and reputable sources to help write two research papers about youth sports.



The 9 core values of this program



The office location in downtown Brunswick

## Reflection

- Our service learning provided a meaningful glimpse into youth development in action. Assisting with drills and behind-the-scenes tasks highlighted the power of positive mentorship. We learned the importance of patience, communication, and the rewarding impact of contributing to a program that empowers young people such as First Tee of Golden Isles