

# FIRST GREEN'S STORY

Founded in 1997, First Green is the only STEM education and environmental outreach program in the United States and Canada that uses golf courses as learning labs.

First Green, a Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) program, pairs golf courses with local schools for unique Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities – the only program of its kind in the world. With online lesson plans and other extensive resources for golf course superintendents, First Green facilitates connections between golf courses and local schools

## [What are First Green's core values?](#)

First Green's fundamental beliefs underscore our members' commitment to environmental stewardship and paying forward the gift of a career in golf. Program characteristics include:

- Fun
- Experiential learning
- Outdoor enjoyment
- Introduction to and growth-of-the-game
- STEM education
- Future career path
- Best-in-class
- Positive community impact

## WHAT IS STEM?

STEM education combines the academic disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, helping students explore the unique applications where they connect.

First Green is an innovative environmental and STEM education program that uses golf courses as classrooms. On Field Trips students have the opportunity to learn about soil, bugs, water conservation, math on course, the tools used on course, wildlife conservation and so much more!

Read more: <http://www.thefirstgreen.org>