

## Partnership with The First Tee would enhance Eagles youth golf

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**SAN JOSE (Dec. 9 2004)** – The San Jose Sports Authority's popular Eagles at Rancho del Pueblo youth golf program, which just concluded its fourth year of operation, would expand its reach significantly next year through a proposed partnership with The First Tee.

The Sports Authority recently signed a letter of intent with The First Tee, created in 1997 by the World Golf Foundation, to introduce young people of all backgrounds to the game of golf and its inherently positive values, from respect and integrity to individual responsibility and sportsmanship. Eagles, funded entirely by the efforts of the Sports Authority through the annual SBC San Jose Classic hosted by Mayor Ron Gonzales, has introduced nearly 600 boys and girls to golf by providing 32 hours of PGA / LPGA instruction at city-owned Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course, free access to the driving range and playing privileges for \$1 per round.

"These programs have a natural fit, and we're excited about the possibilities that a partnership with The First Tee offers to the youth community we serve in San Jose," said Dean Munro, executive director of the Sports Authority.

The partnership with The First Tee would allow the San Jose program to expand to include more participants, enhance its curriculum and provide access to more courses.

Eagles expanded its outreach during 2004 by adding intermediate-level instruction and forming a competitive team for juniors.

Eagles at Rancho del Pueblo is a program of the San Jose Sports Authority, which actively supports youth and amateur athletics throughout the community as well as bringing premier sports events to the city. Visit our website at [www.sjsa.org](http://www.sjsa.org).