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Grip It & Rip It First Tee Marathon – Could you play 100 holes of golf?

Eagle Valley, CO (August 23, 2010)— How many holes of golf could you play in 10 hours? Imagine 11 foursomes playing 1500 holes of golf over a 10-hour period. The First Tee of Eagle County, a program of The Youth Foundation, is doing just that, by hosting its first ever Grip It & Rip It Marathon Golf Relay.

Not up for the challenge yourself. Support one of the 11 local Vail Valley golf clubs, each who will be playing as many holes as they possibly can, in a ten-hour period on a select date between September 7 -16, 2010. One professional golfer from each Golf Club in the valley will put together a foursome with one male amateur, one female amateur and one First Tee Player to compete and play as many holes as possible during the 10-hour period. The goal of the marathon is to raise pledges for every hole played in support of the Youth Foundation's First Tee program. The team with the best score will win the First Tee Challenge Cup trophy and special prizes will be awarded to the team that raises the most money and to the team that plays the most number of holes.

In an effort to support your local Golf Pro, and a your favorite cause, The First Tee of Eagle County, these brave individuals are seeking your help by making a pledge or a donation in their team's honor. You can choose to make a flat donation online or download the pledge form and make a pledge per hole played. For more information about donations, please visit

www.theyouthfoundation.org.

The First Tee program gives young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity and sportsmanship. In the **fifth** year of operation The First Tee is serving more than **500** children in Eagle County during an after-school

club-making program and through the summer First Tee Sports and Fitness for Life Camps.

The Youth Foundation programs include kindergarten readiness skills through the Magic Bus, the Book Buddy, PowerHours After School programs for elementary and middle school children, The First Tee, Sports & Fitness for Life program, and full scholarships through their Guardian Scholarships program to enrich the lives of youth in Eagle County. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting the Youth Foundation's First Tee program, please visit www.theyouthfoundation.org or call 970-763-7000 and help make a difference.