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**WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN ONCE AGAIN TO OFFER  
FREE ADMISSION MONDAY AND TUESDAY AS PART OF “FORD FREE DAYS”**

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** – Thanks to Ford, the Official Vehicle of the Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by Taylor Morrison, all fans will be admitted **FREE** of charge on Monday, Feb. 7 and Tuesday, Feb. 8 to the WM Phoenix Open as part of “Ford Free Days” courtesy of your Arizona Ford Dealers.

As part of this renewed partnership, the fourth annual closest-to-the-pin contest called “FORD Drive One for Arizona Charities” will be held on the iconic 16<sup>th</sup> hole, giving players a chance to win \$10,000 for one of 10 local non-profit organizations.

“This marks the sixth year ‘The People’s Open’ and our outstanding partner Ford have teamed up to offer free admission to all of our fans,” said Tournament Chairman Dr. Michael Golding. “We’re thrilled to offer Ford Free Days once again, but even more so to share a common commitment to our local communities.”

Monday’s schedule includes practice rounds by PGA TOUR players and the Carlisle Pro-Am, while Tuesday will include practice rounds, the R.S. Hoyt Jr. Family Foundation Dream Day and the popular San Tan Ford Special Olympics Open.

“The Arizona Ford dealers are delighted about the opportunity to bring Ford Free Days and Ford Drive one for Arizona Charities to the Waste Management Phoenix Open. We hope everyone is able to come out and enjoy Monday and Tuesday as well as the rest of the tournament,” said Arizona Ford

Dealers Chairman, Steve Countryman. “The Arizona Ford Dealers are proud to be a part of a tournament that gives so much back to the local community and deserving causes throughout Arizona.”

Beyond Ford Free Days, the Arizona Ford Dealers will also host Country Night at the Coors Light Bird’s Nest on Thursday, Feb. 10 with Sam Hunt and special guest Russell Dickerson. Ford will bring out the latest Ford vehicles and showcase them near the entrance of the Coors Light Bird’s Nest for fans to check out, along with some special giveaways.

As the Official Vehicle of the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Arizona Ford dealers will be providing more than 150 courtesy vehicles during tournament week to transport PGA TOUR players, tournament officials and Waste Management Phoenix Open staff. Those vehicles, primarily 2021 Expeditions and 2021 Explorers, will go up for sale at the Phoenix metro Ford Dealerships following the tournament.

The 2022 WM Phoenix Open Presented by Taylor Morrison will take place Feb. 7-13 at TPC Scottsdale. “The People’s Open” has been named the Tournament of the Year by the PGA TOUR four times in the past seven years (2014, 2015, 2018, 2019) to acknowledge the tournament’s legendary status as one the most unique events in golf. The 2022 edition will mark the 87th playing of the event (one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR) and the 13<sup>th</sup> with Waste Management as title sponsor.

The Thunderbirds were founded in 1937 with the mission of promoting the Valley of the Sun through sports. The Thunderbirds consist of 55 “active” members and more than 280 “life” members who have helped the tournament eclipse \$165 million in charitable giving since its inception in 1932 (through the 2021 tournament). For more information on The Thunderbirds or the 2022 WM Phoenix Open, visit [www.wmphoenixopen.com](http://www.wmphoenixopen.com).

