



What's New at Chi Chi's

February 2017



Top: Program Director Karen Wise, Coach Camille Surdi and Volunteer Leslie Kent with all the girl participants on the first day; Middle: Anna decorates her golf ball; Bottom: Coach Camille high fives Ava after a great putt!

Program Spotlight: The First Tee starts LPGA-USGA Girls Golf

In January, The First Tee Coach Camille Surdi started LPGA-USGA Girls Golf with 12 participants. The program's philosophy is that girls learning the game of golf in an environment with other girls are free to be themselves and learn at their own pace. We believe girls can do and be anything to which they set their minds. With more than 270 programs in communities across the country, LPGA-USGA Girls Golf is a networking of 62,000+ girls ages 7-17.

Classes will be based on the 5 E's of Girls Golf:

- **EMPOWER** girls by teaching them a game they can play and enjoy for a lifetime
- **ENRICH** their lives by expanding their minds and giving them the confidence to dream big and accomplish their goals
- **ENGAGE** girls with strong female role models and inspire them to make a difference in their communities
- **ENERGIZE** them with our vitality and enthusiasm sharing our love for the game
- **EXERCISE** their minds and bodies to help them realize and unlock their true potential

The program takes place from 4:30 to 5:30pm on Wednesdays at the Chi Chi Golf & Family Sports Complex. The cost is \$50 including a 5 week session and an LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Membership. For more information, please contact Coach Camille at cslpga@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Pro Am
Wednesday, March 8th
Innisbrook - South Course

Valspar Championship
Thursday-Friday, March 9th-12th
Innisbrook

Chi Chi Charity Classic
Sunday & Monday, November 12th & 13th
Chi Chi Golf Club



Mission: To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course as a living classroom.

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Student Spotlight: 8th graders learn personal finance concepts at Finance Park



Top: 8th grade class with their Social Studies teacher Mrs. Pagnani relaxing after a full day of finance; Bottom Left: students focus on Raymond James and Franklin Templeton Investment stock ticker; Bottom Right: 8th grader Nicolas paying his grocery bill at Publix

The Academy's 8th grade field trip to Finance Park at the Stavros Institute in Pinellas County offered students valuable lessons in decision making. Following classroom preparation, students were grouped in sixes with a chaperone to experience a reality based, hands-on simulation making personal finance decisions. In addition they got to explore and learn about transportation, investment, home improvement, banking, housing, entertainment, healthcare, utilities, food, home furnishings, clothing and education.

Two of our groups were based with long time supporters Raymond James and Franklin Templeton Investments locations for the day.

Volunteer Spotlight: The First Tee Volunteers enjoy lunch & a 9-hole Scramble

In January, The First Tee hosted an inaugural lunch donated by Bay Food Brokerage and a 9-hole scramble. The day was to recognize and thank our Assistant Coach Volunteers for their contribution as mentors to children. At The First Tee, we take coaching seriously. We believe that a meaningful, quality relationship between coach and participant is vital to our program.

Every Saturday, these volunteers assist Program Director Karen Wise with teaching life skills and core values to over 60 kids at the Sports Complex and Golf Club. They add tremendous value and are amazing assets to the program's impact in our community. The goal of The First Tee is to teach good golfers but make even better people.



Top: Team 1 volunteers Jon, Ron, Glenn and Jeff; Bottom Left: Jeff showing off his Closest to the Pin trophy; and Team 2 Program Director Karen and volunteers Mike P., Mike R. and Leslie

Did You Know...?

You can make a charity the beneficiary of your IRA.

Ask your IRA administrator about special rules for designating a nonprofit as the heir to your IRA. You don't have to leave the whole account to the charity, you can split it into multiple accounts.

("Charity can be beneficiary of a will" by Kimberly Lankford, Tampa Bay Times)