



What's New at Chi Chi's

May 2017

The Golf Course living classroom delivers a unique and memorable experience with Native Bird Boxes

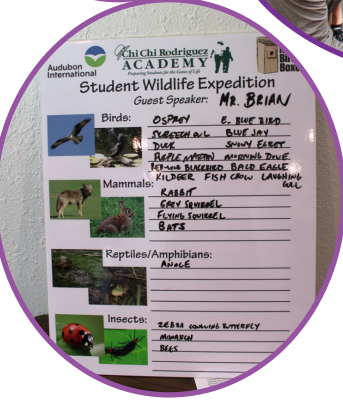


The golf course living classroom delivers again! Students enjoyed an up close and personal experience with nature in a way that delights and teaches lessons in a unique way. The 4th grade class was escorted by Brian Beckner of Native Bird Boxes, Golf Club Superintendent Eric Dixon and Foundation staff for a wildlife education tour introducing them to the many different animals that call the course their home. Following their expedition, Brian and Eric went over all the different types of animals they experienced. The students' favorite part was petting a baby owl pulled from one of the homes students created for them on the course.

In 2014, students built 22 different bird boxes for their golf course classroom. The boxes are home to wood peckers, blue birds, screech owls, flying squirrels and more. Students are able to monitor and hear from experts as part of their science curriculum.



Top: Brian pauses with the class to listen for bird sounds; Middle left: baby owl from one of the boxes; Middle right: the students were able to pet the owl while Brian safely held him; Bottom left: While on the course students keep track of all animals they see; Bottom right: Brian and Eric pose with the 4th grade students following the tour.



Upcoming Events

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

Music 'n Mistletoe
Holiday Event
TBD



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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Donor Spotlight: Duke Energy Foundation



Jeff Baker presented a \$9,000 grant check to Chi Chi during the 2016 Chi Chi Charity Classic event.

This past November Jeff Baker, Duke Energy's Government and Community Relations Manager, presented Chi Chi with a \$9,000 grant check. This donation will provide two Academy students educational programs for an entire year, including all support services to enhance their classroom learning. Support services such as The First Tee Life Skills Experience that teaches the 9 Core Values & 9 Healthy Habits through golf, gardening and shadow time all play key roles in driving academic and social success.

**The First Tee Level II Coach Training enhances expertise of
COO James Poulter and Program Director Karen Wise**

This spring two members of our team continued their education with The First Tee by attending Level II Coach trainings. It is important for Coaches to grow their knowledge of best practices within the Network of over 150 chapters across the country. By sharing knowledge and best practices this promotes the latest youth development techniques given to students and participants. The First Tee of Clearwater program teaches Life Skills and Core Values such as integrity, honesty and sportsmanship seamlessly through the game of golf to over 2,000 youngsters in North Pinellas County each year.



Left: James at The First Tee of the Triad in Greensboro, North Carolina; Right: Coach Karen at The First Tee of Miami, Florida.



Did You Know...?

Tuesday, May 2nd was Give Day Tampa Bay!
This 24-hour giving day challenges the local community to give where you live.

Over \$1.75 million was raised for 502 nonprofits in the Tampa Bay Area. The Chi Chi Rodriguez Foundation raised \$1,450 from seven donors for educational programs during the challenge.