

EDGE Case Study

On-Course Environmental Education Opportunities

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Tailor-made tours for EPA officials and kids send powerful messages

The Old Collier Golf Club conducts a variety of tours each year to provide a better understanding of golf course operations, demonstrate environmental stewardship efforts of the industry and to be a catalyst for beneficial partnerships.

Summary:

Student tours consist of several 5th grade classes. The annual EPA tour is conducted by the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association (FFVA). Approximately 210 guests attend each year. The tours run for 2 hours and 15 minutes – 1 hour on the golf course and 1 hour and 15 minutes at the Resource Management Center (golf maintenance facility), where participants play related educational games and review object lessons demonstrated on the course.

Goal of the student tours:

- Learn about positive and productive measures to enhance the environment
- Augment the biological and scientific concepts of the classroom
- Demonstrate that golf courses can be beneficial for wildlife, plants, people and the environment

Goal of the EPA tour:

- To familiarize various officials from the EPA with real-world scenarios. These officials represent all segments of the EPA, including enforcement, labeling, research and testing.

The EPA tour is the first stop of a five-day tour hosted by the FFVA.

