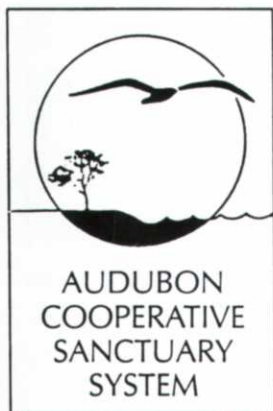


# Audubon school program teacher training video filmed in Florida



*Rob Kloska (center), Superintendent of the Jupiter Island Club is filmed by a GCSAA staffer (far right) as the Treasure Coast Chapter helps Hobe Sound Elementary School students plant royal palm trees on campus.*



**T**he GCSAA was in Hobe Sound, Florida recently filming a teacher training video for the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools. This video will be a part of registration packages sent to schools involved in this program and will be available by August. “The video will help teachers, students and parents across the country that are just starting out in the program and allow them the opportunity to see what has been done at other schools (in the program),” said Neil A. Gifford, Environmental Educator for Audubon International. There are currently more than 50 schools from New York to Florida to California involved in the program.

Lisa Wick, Media Relations & Video Services Coordinator with GCSAA spent two days in Florida interviewing principles, teachers, parents and students at Hobe Sound Elementary School about their involvement in the ACSP for

Schools. Hobe Sound Elementary School is the first school in the country to achieve certification in the Audubon School Program, and are currently certified in three out of four categories: Environmental Education, Waste Management, and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement. They are currently working on the fourth certification, Resource Conservation. Once this fourth certification is complete, they will become a fully certified Audubon Cooperative School Sanctuary.

While here, Lisa also interviewed several members of the Treasure Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association about the Blue Pearl Tournament and their involvement with the school program. The TCGCSA have raised \$18,000 in the last two years for the ACSP for Schools. This money is all spent locally through grant applications to schools in their region.

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