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Family Fun at the Ballpark & MAGCS Members Share with the First Tee

Family Night Picnic

MAGCS hosted another Family Night Picnic on July 20th at the Kane County Cougar Baseball Stadium, now known as Fifth Third Bank Ballpark. 87 members and guests enjoyed the food, fellowship and the game – at least until the sixth inning when the sky opened up and the rain came. As the storm approached, most of the superintendents started to compare radar apps on their phones and the conversations started to center around whether or not the storm would bring any rain to “my” golf course. As the usher for our section urged us to take cover, I distinctly remember one of our members telling him we have at least six minutes before we got wet. If there was one group that was not upset the night ended a little early it was ours. Thanks to our sponsors: **Bayer, Burris Equipment Company, Nels J Johnson Tree Experts, Reinders, Inc. and Syngenta Professional Products** and all those who made it out.



Midwest Members Teach Youth

On August 16, several Midwest members aided the First Tee of Greater Chicago by educating 24 teenagers at our home, the Midwest Golf House and at Cog Hill Golf Club. In partnership with John Deere, The First Tee pilot program "Careers On Course" gave young people an opportunity to explore career paths in golf course management and science. The whole program places a particular focus on agronomy and golf course equipment and management related education. **Scott Pavalko, Nick Marfise, Dave Radaj II, CGCS, Ed Fischer, CGCS Retired, Pete Leuzinger CGCS Retired, Ed Nangle, PhD, Troy Tietjens,** and **Rick Uthe** shared their knowledge and experience. Each spoke on different topics giving the attendees an overview of the operations and the science behind golf course management. The kids were interested and engaged, listening and asking pertinent questions throughout the day. Two of the kids will be selected to spend the day with **Chad Ball, CGCS** as he prepares for the BMW Championship. The First Tee hopes to continue this program in the coming years, and was very thankful for the participation of our members. 



Dave Radaj explains the use of the moisture meters as one of the youth probe a putting green at Cog Hill.



Troy Tietjens (r) awaits his turn to teach as Denver Caldwell, John Deere Marketing Manager, shares the story about John Deere and the company's commitment to our industry.

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