


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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