

# Introduction to First Green

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# Webinar Agenda

- Introduce First Green using Video
- Provide an overview of field trips
- Offer ideas about how Conservation Districts can be involved



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# Videos on Website

## Introduction to First Green

Our Hosting Field Trips video is also available on [www.thefirstgreen.org](http://www.thefirstgreen.org) on the home page.



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# First Green's Mission

- Support environmental education and stewardship.
- Illustrate the environmental and community benefits of golf courses.
- Introduce potential golfers to golf courses.



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# Field Trips are Key

- Local golf club superintendents host teachers & their students on golf courses
- Our website provides resources, case studies and ideas
- Each program is local and community-based



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# Importance of Golf Courses

- In addition to providing a wonderful sport, golf courses are community, environmental resources
- Many communities do not know about the benefits of their local golf courses
- The golf course is an environmental and educational resource



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# Typical Field Trip

- Grades 5-12 are best
- 90 minutes in length
- 3 topics addressed in 20 minute learning labs
- Local environmental and/or city or county educational groups often do a lab



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# Typical Learning Stations

- Water
- Soils
- Wildlife habitat
- Birds
- Native plants, trees, streams
- History of golf
- Local topics (e.g., salmon lifecycle)



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# Water



# Water - pH and Nitrates Tests



# Water



# Soil



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# Wildlife Habitat



# Macroinvertebrates (bugs)



# Turfgrass Features



Larry Gilhuly

# Putting



# Growing the Game of Golf



# Roles for Your Districts

- Educational support at local field trips
- Being an observer at a field trip so you can promote the program in your community



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# How Can You Get Involved?

- Take a look at our website
- Connect with your local golf course superintendent. Remember that they are really busy during the peak golf season
- Leave a message as they work early hours and are out on the golf course
- Follow up if you don't hear back in a couple days



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# Resources



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- Golf Course Helps School in Annual Holiday Fund Raiser
- Audubon Country Club Joins First Green – the First in Florida
- St. Louise School Returns for



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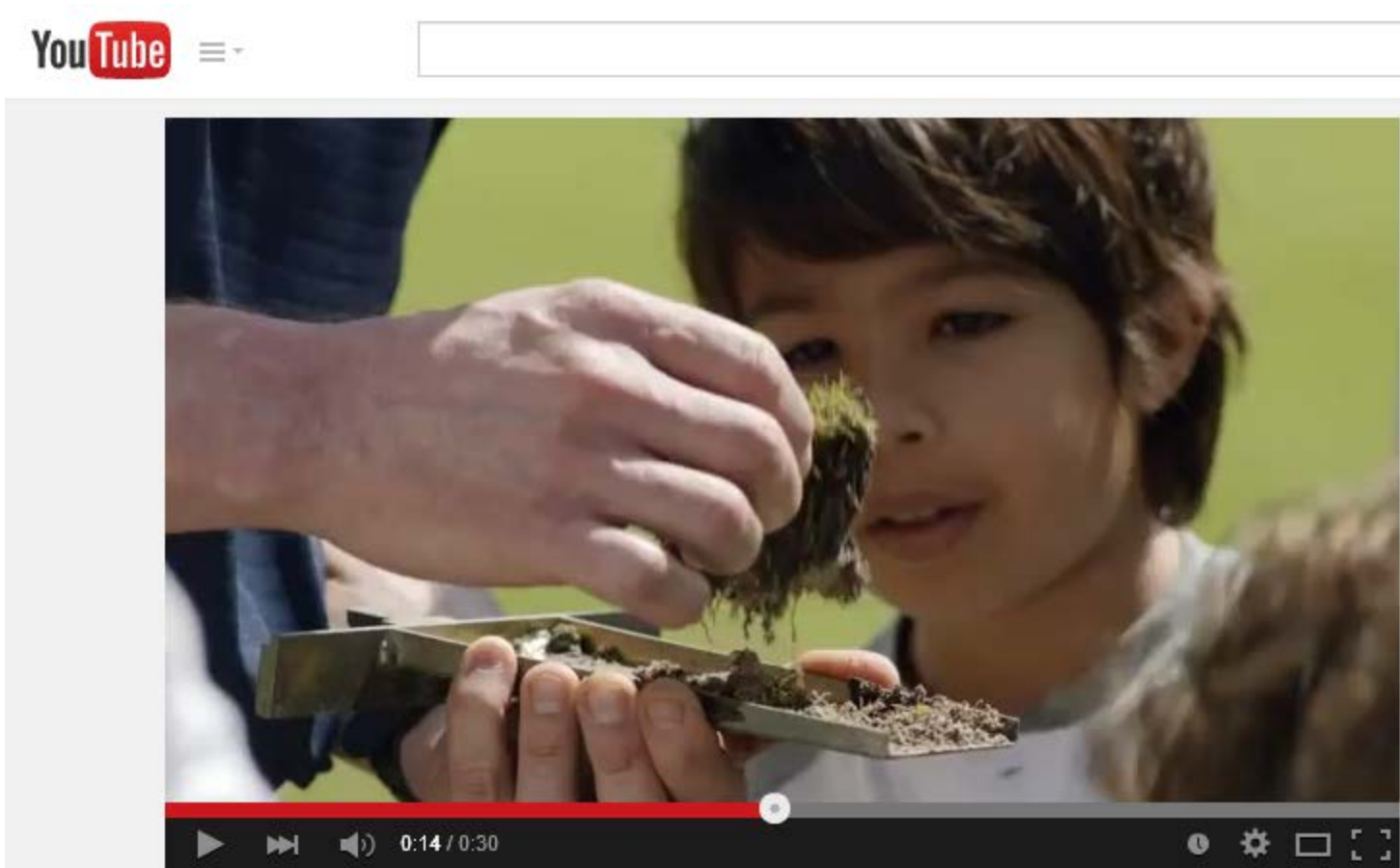
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## Golf, With a Side of Science

Chambers Bay will challenge the world's best golfers, and is also enriching the world's future. They recently hosted students from The First Green.

<http://www.usga.org/videos/2015/06/13/150613-first-green-4294734648001.html>

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