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REUSABLE BOTTLES FOR SPORTS- YMCA CAMP IMMOKALEE

We kicked off the summer with our BGG Reusable Bottles for Sports program at YMCA's Camp Immokalee in Keystone Heights, FL.

1800 summer campers & counselors received SIC brand stainless steel REUSABLE water bottles with two goals:

- 1) to reduce plastic pollution in our environment
- 2) to decrease our youth's exposure to the toxic chemicals that leach from plastic into our food and drink especially when heated and as plastic ages.

YMCA Camp Immokalee's Executive Director, Richard Bombach had this to say about our RBS program:

"When I arrived at Camp Immokalee just before summer, I was absolutely blown away with the water bottles that were to be provided to our campers. I have been at camps over the past twenty years where plastic and foam waste have been some of the biggest battles that I've faced in running my programs. This has been the first facility where the "Leave No Trace" program actually has an ACTION to REDUCE WASTE and make the active effort to reduce our footprint on the land, our lake, as well as the beaches and oceans as these kids take their water bottles home from camp. I would love to ensure that YMCA Camp Immokalee continues working with Beaches Go Green for the foreseeable future. Again, thank you for all you're doing for our small community and for generations to come."

A huge thank you to Publix for sponsoring these amazing reusable water bottles!



RIVER CITY LIVE APPEARANCE!

Our Bartram Trail HS Student Officers, Ryan and Cali, appeared on WJXT's River City Live to educate the community on plastic pollution while promoting reusable over single use plastic.



BGG SUMMER VIDEO CONTEST

Mandarin High School Senior & BGG Club President, Meika, won our summer environmental education video competition. Meika's clever & creative video about the 3 R's; Refuse, Reduce, Reuse was a standout winner!



TPC GREEN TEAM PRESENTATION



BGG presented to more than 40 Green Team Members at the PGA/TPC Headquarters in Ponte Vedra, FL. PGA is making great strides with reducing event waste. The stunning new PGA Tour building is Gold Leed Certified.

ECO-CINEMA: ENDANGERED MERMAIDS

We partnered with St. Augustine Film Society to present the film "Endangered Mermaids" at the St. Augustine Yacht Club. The film speaks about the plight of manatees. Our films are always FREE, family-friendly events with eco-friendly vendors and food trucks.

Thank you to all of our sponsors who make these events possible!



SISTERS OF THE SEA 24TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S SURF CLASSIC

Beaches Go Green sponsored and supported the 24th annual Sisters of the Sea Women's Surf Classic in Jax Beach. An epic day of surfing and witnessing the strength of women in action at an eco-friendly event!

GREEN highlights include:

- **NO food/beverages or single-use water bottles were sold or served. Instead, everyone was encouraged to BYO reusable water bottles and pack lunches!**
- **Beaches Go Green provided a water filling station for contestants & spectators**
- **Food for volunteers was served buffet style instead fo single-serving/single packaged to save waste.**
- **All surf trophies were recycled. Male trophies were repainted with bikinis.**
- **Mini beach cleanup- there were SO many cigarette butts in the high tide wash line and lots of small plastic items.**
- **Contestants were given reusable bags and top finishers received BGG & EIDON sponsored reusable water bottles with contest logo.**
- **Reef-safe sunscreen and eco-friendly surf wax was provided.**
- **Surf leashes made from recycled plastic.**
- **Surf rash guards for contestants are REUSED every year!**
- **Beaches Go Green eco-tips were read over the loudspeaker throughout contest!**





1st EVER - BEACHES GO GREEN STUDENT OFFICER & TEACHER SPONSOR CLUB TRAINING

50 students and teacher volunteers dedicated 5 hours of their summer to BGG club training. They learned about environmental issues and met with BGG club officers/future officers from different schools.

It was a whole day that included:

- Environmental and leadership lectures
- Guest speakers from Cornell
- A tour of the Link (a leed certified smart building)
- Dissected Albatross boluses for plastic
- Experienced the Flagler Health Immersion Theatre
- Yoga and drumming mini sessions
- Collaborated with local environmental groups such as Matanzas River Keeper

A very BIG thank you to our sponsors: Flagler Health who sponsored our meeting space at the Link in Nocatee. Publix sponsored all the food and snacks for our volunteers!

Make-up TRAINING FOR BEACHES GO GREEN CLUB STUDENT OFFICERS & TEACHER SPONSORS

In September, we held a make-up training session for students officers and teacher sponsors of our BGG Clubs who could not attend our inaugural event.

Beyond learning the basics of plastic pollution & the goals of Beaches Go Green clubs, we all made new friends, experienced a crazy thunderstorm with cool lightning & double rainbows, dissected albatross Boluses (vomit balls) unfortunately they had lots of plastic in them, met the Moquin Zoo & had a quick stretching session with Lauren!

Schools represented were Beachside HS, Douglas Anderson HS, Fletcher Middle, Fletcher HS, Mayport Middle, NEASE HS, Providence HS & St Augustine HS.

HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR ADULT VOLUNTEERS & TEACHERS that helped us to make it EXTRA awesome!



BGG STUDENT CLUBS PRESENT TO IRAQI EXCHANGE STUDENTS WITH JAX GLOBAL IYLEP

BGG officers had the unique experience of meeting with 2 different cohorts of Iraqi teens from Jax Global's IYLEP (International Youth Leadership Exchange Program). BGG Club teens presented on plastic pollution as well as exchanged ideas, concerns and fun facts about both of our cultures. Our BGG teens specifically talked about -friendly friendly program to go along with the IYLEP "sustainability" theme of their trip. BGG student clubs spoke about their roles in the club, environmental education in the community, our environmental education videos, and our reusable bottles for sports program to go along with the summer's theme of SUSTAINABILITY. Each Iraqi guest received a BGG SIC-brand reusable bottle to take home!

BGG Clubs represented were Fletcher Middle, Fletcher HS, Mandarin HS, Nease HS, Ponte Vedra HS and Providence HS.

Big thank you to Joseph's Pizza in Atlantic Beach who donated food for this truly an unforgettable experience.

