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### Sandy Run Country Club to Host Innovative Environmental STEAM Event for Local Students

**ORELAND, PA** – The Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents (PAGCS) is proud to announce an exciting environmental education outreach event at Sandy Run Country Club. On the morning of **Monday, May 19**, golf course superintendent **Alex Lennertz** will welcome **4th and 5th grade students from Good Shepard School** for a **GCSAA First Green** field trip — a dynamic, hands-on learning experience that turns golf courses into outdoor STEAM classrooms.

**First Green**, a program of the **Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)**, introduces students to science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) concepts in an outdoor setting. The curriculum is designed to connect classroom learning with real-world applications, using the natural environment of a golf course as a unique and engaging backdrop.

First Green field trips are funded by grants from GCSAA and PAGCS.

#### Event Details:

- **WHEN:** Monday, May 19, 2025 | 8:15 AM – 11:30 AM
- **WHERE:** Sandy Run Country Club, 200 E. Valley Green Rd., Oreland, PA 19075
- **WHO:** 21 students (7 from 4th grade, 14 from 5th grade), hosted by Alex Lennertz, local superintendents, and PAGCS affiliates
- **WHAT:** A hands-on STEM field trip featuring interactive learning stations

The morning will begin with a brief introduction to the club, its history, and its role in the community. Students will then rotate through a variety of learning stations including:

- **Mathematics on the Course** – exploring measurements and calculations used in course maintenance

- **Technology on Course** – learn about and see innovative tools used by superintendents
- **Nature and Conservation** – capturing the course through a creative lens, identifying plants, landforms, and environmental features, learn how to preserve open spaces
- **Exploration/Physical Education** – swing and learn!

This First Green event supports environmental awareness, promotes outdoor education, and introduces young students to potential future careers in turf management and the golf industry — all while having fun.

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