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PRESS RELEASE

Club Members “Put on the Ritz”

Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County Club Members visit the Ritz Carlton to explore careers in the hospitality industry

Photo: DeSoto club members tour the kitchen at the Ritz Carlton, Sarasota

BRADENTON – DeSoto Club teens spent the day at the Ritz Carlton Resort in Sarasota learning about what the hospitality industry has to offer. Club members toured the kitchens of the hotel, learned about spa management and general hotel operation.

The Taco Bell Foundation and Boys & Girls Clubs of America awarded \$1,000 to the DeSoto Boys & Girls Club to fund these fieldtrips. The award covers visits to colleges and career exploration for the teen members.

The teens have also had hands-on experience with environmental science, planting slash pines in areas of depleted vegetation. In addition, they spent a day at the University of South Florida and visited Bank of America.

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County serves over 2,500 throughout five club locations: the Bradenton Club, DeSoto Club, Palmetto Club, Harlee Middle School Club and The Club at Southeast High School.



Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.