

Girls receive certificates of participation at the completion of a session at a golf clinic in Oakland. Photo courtesy of the Pinkney Foundation.

The Pinkney Foundation, OUSD Elementary Sports Launch 'Girls Love Golf' Clinics Hosted by Terry T "Mr. Community"

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On Nov. 21 and Dec. 19, the Pinkney Foundation and the Oakland Unified School District Expanded Learning Department launched their series of "Girls Love Golf" clinics hosted by Terry T Mr. Community.

Funding for the pilot program comes from the California Department of Education's Expanded Learning Opportunity Program and The Pinkney Foundation, a non-profit organization co-founded by Preston Pinkney created to serve underprivileged urban youth by providing youth development programs that assist in developing essential life skills. The free clinics invite OUSD girls in grades K-5 to learn golf fundamentals and etiquette.

This is a fun and entertaining event. Girls rotate through different stations and learn golf fundamentals, fitness, nutrition, mental toughness, and compete in fun competitions. All participants will receive lunch, swag, and free golf clubs.

Free golf clubs are provided by Robert Baker of Logical Golf and Stephen and Ayesha Curry's Eat. Learn.Play Foundation, which will also provide meals.

With efforts to build excitement around golf, the clinic finishes with young ladies participating in a personalized theme song and video filming with Terry T Mr. Community entitled "You Wanna Play Golf With Us."

"Oakland Girls Love Golf Clinics is a step in the right direction for diversity, equity and inclusion in golf," said Pinkney.

The next Oakland Girls Love Golf clinic will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023, at the Lake Chabot Golf Course in Oakland. There is no fee to participate. Clinic times from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

To sign up, please contact The Pinkney Foundation at preston@ thepinkneyfoundation.org. Phone: 510-367-3001.