

Golf outing benefits local schools

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FORT MILL TOWNSHIP -- The fifth annual Beta Sigma Phi golf tournament will be held Monday, May 23, with all proceeds to benefit the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools.

The group has raised over \$27,000 in the past five years for the Foundation, which focuses on enhancing education in Fort Mill schools by providing scholarships and funding innovative classroom projects.

Previous donations from Beta Sigma Phi to the foundation have been used to sponsor field trips for Fort Mill schools and to fund teacher grants. In the past, the grants have helped teachers bring new methods into the classroom and funded speakers to enhance the curriculum.

This year's tournament is at the Springfield Golf Course. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

More than 100 golfers are already signed up to participate, but more are welcome, said Allison Wilhelm, a member and recent vice president of Beta Sigma Phi's local chapter.

The four-man team, captain's choice tournament costs \$80 per player to participate.

Other ways to support the tournament include donating for the tournament raffle. Gift cards or prizes for the raffle are appreciated and donations are also welcome.

Beta Sigma Phi is a national women's sorority. Locally, the Fort Mill/Tega Cay chapter focuses its time on fundraising for community organizations. Other groups that Beta Sigma Phi helps support include the Fort Mill Care Center, Fort Mill Resource Center, and the York County Council on Aging.

"We decided early on we wanted to give back to our community, Fort Mill and Tega Cay," Wilhelm said.

"When you live in a community, it is important to be a part of it., not just live in it. We are so fortunate to have support from local businesses and people who come and participate every year. We have raised so much money for the schools but we have also built a better community to live in."