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The Schenkel Invitational starts Friday at FHCC.

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STATESBORO, Ga. – Men's golf coaches and student-athletes from Georgia Southern, North Florida, Iowa and Kentucky were on hand Wednesday evening for the second annual Schenkel Nationwide Youth Clinic at Forest Heights Country Club.

Approximately 75 youth golfers turned out to meet some of the college players who will be competing in the 37th Annual Schenkel Invitational, one of the most prestigious tournaments in college golf. Coaches and student-athletes helped the youth golfers with their games at three stations – hitting, chipping and putting.

The free clinic began at 4:30 p.m., and youth players spent about 20 minutes at each station. Youth golfers received a free dinner from Chick-Fil-A following the clinic, and random drawings for prizes were conducted to finish the evening. The Schenkel Committee has made the Nationwide Youth Clinic an annual event prior to the tournament.

"All of these guys remember being young and somebody helping them learn the game of golf so it's a privilege for us to be a part of the youth clinic and give back," said Georgia Southern coach [Carter Collins](#).

"The main thing I want them to learn is to just have fun," added redshirt senior [Henry Mabbett](#). "There can be a lot of added pressure out there so I want them to always remember to have fun playing golf."

The 2016 Schenkel Invitational will be conducted March 18-20 at Forest Heights Country Club in the 37th edition of the tournament. There will be a practice round on Thursday and 18 holes of competition on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The field is again a strong one with eight of the 14 participating teams ranked in the top-50 in the country. This year's field consists of defending champion Auburn, host Georgia Southern, UAB, Boston College, College of Charleston, Georgia State, Harvard, Iowa, Kentucky, North Carolina, NC State, North Florida, Vanderbilt and Wake Forest.

Harvard is the only first-timer in the field, and six-time winner Wake Forest is returning for its 24th appearance. Auburn, which won consecutive titles in 2010 and 2011, and NC State will make their 31st appearances, which is tied with Florida for the most outside of the host Eagles.

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