

Naples and Tampa Bay, FL

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Well as I sit here enjoying the warm weather (two days of temperatures in the 80's) I have some good news to report. Despite driving in well, pardon the repetition, driving rain all day Sunday we have had good weather two days in a row. With that in mind, I'm ready to declare that we have finished the week of rain. Yeah, that was a great idea. The word jinx comes to mind. Oh well. Yesterday was a Quickball demonstration at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Collier County with nearly 300 kids at their incredible campus located in southern Florida. I have to admit, not only was the club first rate but the hospitality of the staff sure made life good. It's so nice to have a great, energetic staff greeting us for our events. We've been awfully fortunate thus far at all of our stops with some great staff members. After enjoying the NCAA championship game, we hit the road to the Tampa area. After a brief stop off at the local airport to drop off KaaaNott, we finally hit the hotel early this morning. A quick recharge of the batteries and a big ol' stack of flapjacks later and we were on our way the spring training home of the Tampa Bay Rays. We were very fortunate to partner with the Rays for our event today to make a great experience for the kids. Honestly, I think if we gave the kids their shirts, a ticket to the Rays game, pizza, and a chance to lay on the grass we could have called it a day. Great group of kids that seemed to genuinely enjoy their experience. One of the cooler experiences of the tour happened at the end of today's clinic when we were talking about courage. Hearing 10 year olds talk about the courage of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the wisdom of Ghandi was pretty cool. They say kids don't know enough about history "nowadays"; well these guys and girls did. Back to our ol' stompin grounds in Alabama tomorrow. Hopefully the weather will continue to cooperate.
