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SWOSU ESL Club Newsletter: Fall 2016

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The objective of the ESL CAMP at Quartz Mountain was to find a perfect place and a conducive spot outside the classroom for SWOSU ESL Club members to enhance their listening, speaking, reading, writing, and critical thinking skills.

- Members who attended the ESL CAMP

  - Jubran Alyami
  - Jessica Janet Hernandez
  - Deborah Ugwu
  - Omotoyosi Ematowo
  - Goodness Samuel
  - Mohammed Alsugair
  - Abdulaala Almuhsan
  - Splendour Asekhaimhe
  - Li Chi Chiu
  - Jiyoung Kim
  - Nancy Gyimah
  - Su Hong-Yu
  - Chang, Chia-Yu
  - Yong-Jhao Chu
  - Yi-syuan Li
  - Dhruv Patel

- Our club motto:

  We learn, we care, we respect.
The camp activities during the ESL CAMP at Quartz Mountain included:

- **An ESL poetry workshop by Prof. Fred Alsberg**
  We learned to use vivid descriptions and sensory details in their writing.

- **A job interview workshop by Mr. Camilo Peralta**
  We learned how to ask and answer questions during a one-on-one interview.
The club activities at the ESL CAMP at Quartz Mountain also included:

- **ESL's Got Talent by Ms. Tee**
  We learned to use our English language skills to show off our individual and/or group talents and public speaking skills confidently. We performed before an audience consisting of members who were from different countries and religions. Most importantly, we got to know each other and had a lot of fun working as a team!

- **Reading and comprehending the Sundance Cafe dinner menu**
  We studied an authentic American menu. We read the available choices, discussed the diction with our peers and sponsors, and picked a meal of their choice.
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➢ A scenic walk in nature
We became aware of nature and the local eco-system. We also learned to reflect, love, and respect nature.
After the workshop, we hungry members got a taste of local Oklahoman cuisine. So how was the food at Sundance Café, guys?
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HALLOWEEN Party
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Date: October 31st

Also called:
- Halloween
- Allhallowe'en
- All Hallows' Eve
- All Saints' Eve

It involves:
- Trick-or-treating
- Donning costumes
- Making jack-o'-lanterns
- Lighting bonfires
- Apple bobbing
- Visiting haunted attractions

According to Wikipedia, Halloween is the eve of All Hallows' Day. It’s English name "Hallow" is from the Middle English "halwen", and "holy." The All Saints are still called "Allhallowmas", meaning in the memory of all The Mass (Mass), the day the All Hallows were to be held.

On Oct. 26th, Dr. Christi Cook and six of her education major students did an outstanding Halloween presentation. We had a lot of fun with face and arm painting and stories. We also got to sample all kinds of colorful, scary-looking candies and cookies with interesting Halloween themes on them. It sure was a treat. Thank you, Dr. Cook!

Happy Halloween!
Guess what? The first time we learned that the Thunder was playing in Oklahoma City, we decided to brave the cold and headed out to the game at the Chesapeake Energy Arena. The place was jammed! Not a moment was boring. We cheered all our hearts out for the Thunder team. Sadly, they lost to the Rockets. We still love you, Thunder! 😊
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CHRISTMAS
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To us, Christmas means
a. Santa Claus
b. Christmas trees everywhere
c. A BIG break from school work!
d. Lots of presents
e. Big dinners
f. Snow, snow, snow

Did you know that the first commercial Christmas card was introduced by Sir Henry Cole in London in 1843?

Christmas Special at SWOSU Cafeteria
OK Hall
Christmas desserts
A note from the President

Mohammed Alsugair

Dear all, I believe the ESL Club has been a strong and wonderful association at SWOSU. As the club president, I have been able to work with my other officers to make sure that we promote unity among our club members and improve our English language skills. By the end of this semester, our dear members were able to get to know each other well and also communicate in English as friends. As Publilius Syrus once said "Where there is unity, there is always victory." Finally, I want to thank the sponsors for being supportive in all our events and meetings and my friends for their cooperation and efforts.
A Note from the Sponsor

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Here we are ending this semester with a lovely newsletter – thanks to our incredible crew! What a successful semester it has been for SWOSU's very first ESL Club. Wrapping up Fall 2016 makes me want to dream. I dream about the million possibilities for our "baby" club to grow and evolve in the coming semesters. No matter who you are and where you are from, it couldn't have happened without you. You, the members, officers, and the sponsors, have been such an inspiration to me. But we are not done yet. There's more to learn, do, and accomplish. Nevertheless, I thank you for your time, your support, your cooperation, your participation, your contribution. To those of you who are leaving for your respective home countries, we wish you the best and a safe travel. And to those of you who will return next semester, let's think "possibilities." It’s going to be a new journey; every bump along the way is a chance for us to learn something new. Until then, Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas to all!

Joyfully yours,
Ms. Tee