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## New SWOSU STEAM Camp Accepting Nominations for Seventh Grade Girls

Photo Caption: The Southwest Alliance for Girls' Enrichment (SAGE) hosted interactive tables at Governor Mary Fallin's recent STEM & Entrepreneurship Summit. Participants included (left to right): Dr. Jorie Edwards (SWOSU Psychology), Dr. Lori Gwyn (SWOSU Chemistry), Ella Barnett (2017 Tech Trek Camper from Weatherford), Breleigh Hughes (SWOSU pre-nursing major), Kyla Risenhoover (2016 Tech Trek Camper from Hydro), Erin Ridgeway (SWOSU Libraries) and Dr. Lisa Appeddu (SWOSU Pharmacy). The new SAGE STEAM camp is looking for teachers, counselors and principals to nominate Oklahoma girls to participate in this weeklong, residential, summer camp on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford.

Girls from across Oklahoma will have the opportunity to experience a new camp featuring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford.

The Southwest Alliance for Girls' Enrichment (SAGE) is updating Tech Trek at SWOSU, a STEM camp previously conducted from 2013 to 2017. This new opportunity incorporates the arts and humanities to enrich and add interest to STEM, plus to be featured on their own to enhance communication, teamwork and professionalism—thus making STEAM.

Girls will stay overnight in residence halls during the week of camp—June 17-23. They will participate in interactive and hands-on activities on the SWOSU campus; interact with role models from various fields; and travel to local destinations and to Oklahoma City to experience STEAM on-sight.

Campers pay a non-refundable \$100 registration fee—the remaining \$900 in costs per camper is covered by grants and generous supporters, which currently include personal donors from Oklahoma, Texas and Illinois. Tax-deductible donations to the SAGE STEAM camp may be made via the SWOSU Foundation. Both in-kind and monetary contributions are welcome.

The SAGE Committee members are looking for Oklahoma girls who are currently in seventh grade; who want to explore their interest and potential career options in STEAM; who are not necessarily the top students, but who are passionate and motivated about increasing their knowledge and having new experiences; who may need that extra boost of encouragement and self-confidence; who are capable of working in a team and on their own; who have a history of showing respect and appropriate levels of self-control; and who would truly benefit from this experience.

Student nominations by teachers, counselors and principals are now being accepted online through 12 noon on Tuesday, January 23. After being nominated, girls will be asked to complete a camper application by February 11 and then undergo a “get-to-know-you” phone interview in March. Up to 50 girls will be selected to attend the SAGE STEAM camp June 17-23 at SWOSU.

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