

Custer County Getting Ready for ACS Relay for Life

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SWOSU organizations and area residents are invited to participate in this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life event that will be held later this semester.

The Relay for Life Committee is hosting a meeting on Monday, February 5, at BancFirst in Weatherford to share with residents the importance of Relay for Life in saving lives from cancer. The Relay Committee is meeting at 5:30 p.m. and team captains meet at 6:30 p.m.

Relay for Life is the signature event of the American Cancer Society, according to SWOSU Student Government Association Public Relations Director Donovan Fuller. It is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones, and raise money for the fight against cancer.

"Relay for Life raises awareness about the progress against cancer while also raising funds to fight the disease," said Cheryl Smith, community manager for the American Cancer Society. "Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event, as a volunteer or participant, have made a commitment to fight back against cancer and let the community know that cancer can be beat."

Teams of eight to 15 members gather with tents and sleeping bags to participate in the largest fundraising walk in the nation. Relay for Life unites friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools and churches ... people from all walks of life. Teams seek sponsorship prior to the Relay, all with the goal of supporting a cure for cancer.

Volunteers from all over Custer County are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment and lend their support in any way.

For more information on the upcoming Feb. 5 meeting or to volunteer for the Relay For Life Committee, please contact Kristy Linscott at 580.772-5541.

For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour help line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.