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Route 66 Special Olympics Bocce Tourney Planned Saturday at SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University will be the site of the Route 66 Special Olympics Bocce Tournament this Saturday, March 3, at ASAP Energy Field on the Weatherford campus.

Bocce is a growing sport in the Special Olympics. The objective of the Italian game is for the participant to get their specific bocce ball closest to the target ball or “palina.” The purpose of Bocce as a Special Olympic sport is to help people with special needs to grow physically, gain self-confidence, and to give them the chance for social contact, according to Bruce Belanger of the SWOSU Department of Education.

Approximately 160 Special Olympians from the Route 66 Region will compete in three different events—Unified Doubles, Singles and Traditional Doubles. Winners of these events will be qualified to compete in the State Bocce Tournament this coming May in Stillwater.

The tournament at SWOSU will begin at 9 a.m., and the public is encouraged to attend the free event.

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