

# Noble Girl Looking Forward to Jack Hanna Event

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When Jack Hanna takes the stage this Tuesday, February 26, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, a special little girl from Noble (OK) will be in the audience.

Alex Lane, a three-year-old who lives with cerebral palsy, is an enthusiastic animal lover and Alex and her family will be attending Hanna's show that is part of the Panorama series at SWOSU.

Alex is this year's focus of the Students Helping Others Unite Together (SHOUT) program at Noble High School. The fundraising effort is hosted annually during the week leading up to spring break. Students take part in special events to support the SHOUT candidate. Previous SHOUT efforts have sponsored an Elmore City child's Make-a-Wish trip to Florida, added a playroom to the house of a wheelchair-bound young man, and enabled a 12-year-old songwriter needing a heart and lung transplant to perform at the Bluebird Café in Nashville and the Oklahoma Opry.

When Alex was selected as the fourth nominee, the committee wanted to incorporate an animal adventure in her SHOUT package. The Lanes have a puppy, and Alex enjoys trips to the zoo. The SHOUT donations will pay for an animal-themed dream trip, therapeutic horse riding lessons and passes to the Oklahoma City Zoo.

As one of Alex's excursions, Noble High School officials worked with SWOSU to provide tickets for the event on Tuesday night. They will also get to attend a VIP meet and greet session with Jack Hanna after the show. They will also be treated to a special dinner at Lucille's Roadhouse Restaurant.

In addition, the SHOUT group is working with the J.D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities in Norman to provide cerebral palsy devices, like a wheelchair, lifts, and sidewalk ramps, for Alex.

Alex attends pre-k with her twin sister, Penny, and her older sister, Abby, who is in kindergarten. Her father, Matt, teaches at Noble High School, while her mother, Stephanie, stays at home with the girls.

The Jack Hanna event is Tuesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford. Ticket information is available by calling 580.774.3063.