

SWOSU Interscholastic Meet (SWIM) This Thursday

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's annual interscholastic meet (SWIM) is coming up this Thursday, March 29, on the Weatherford campus.

The SWIM is one of Oklahoma's longest-running academic competitions for junior high and high school students. The 94th annual SWIM is expected to attract approximately 1,500 students from 70 Oklahoma schools.

Event coordinator Todd Boyd said this is the first year that SWIM has been held on a week day instead of a Saturday. Boyd said the university is looking forward to the change, made to accommodate requests from schools and counselors. And, by moving to a Thursday, it is believed there will be fewer conflicts with other activities. SWOSU is expecting one of the largest turnout of students in recent years.

Tests will be given in the areas of art, biological sciences, business, computer science, language arts, mathematics, physical sciences, social sciences and technology.

Students will compete for individual awards but also for their respective schools.

Sweepstakes awards in the school competition will be awarded in three different divisions. Schools with 600 or more students enrolled in grades nine through 12 will compete in Class I; 151-599 students in Class II; and 150 and less students in Class III.

Defending SWIM team champions are Westmoore High School, Watonga High School and Drummond High School. Both Watonga and Drummond have won two sweepstakes titles in a row.

SWIM has been a traditional event on the SWOSU campus since 1914.