



## News



# SWOSU Foundation, Inc., Hosting First-Ever Charitable Hunt

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The Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Foundation, Inc., is hosting its first-ever charitable hunt.

The hunt will take place on September 18-19 in Devol (OK).

The event will provide philanthropic support to SWOSU's Department of Parks & Recreation Management (PRM), which seeks to facilitate the development of professionals in the fields of conservation management, parks and recreation management, sport management, parks law enforcement and wildland fire management.

Ryan Haggard, chair of the SWOSU PRM Department, said the program offers exceptional, specialized coursework and experiences to SWOSU students. Unique and expanding rapidly, SWOSU PRM is the only program of its kind in the region. The proceeds from the hunt will make history at SWOSU as the institution's first endowment benefitting PRM and will help SWOSU to produce the next generation of conservationists, sportsmen and sportswomen, wildlife law enforcement officials, park rangers and many others.

This unique fundraising activity will be facilitated by BlackOak Farms, a full-service hunting operation that is integrated with traditional agriculture practices of farming and ranching.

The event will involve a late afternoon/early evening dove hunt on September 18 followed by a cocktail hour, dinner and auction with an early morning dove hunt to follow on September 19.

Host and co-host opportunities offering substantial sponsor benefits remain but will close soon, and only a few individual hunter slots remain. Cocktail hour and dinner-only registration is also available for non-hunters who want to fellowship with SWOSU alumni and friends. For information on sponsorships, to register to hunt, and to see the entire event schedule, please visit [www.HuntWithSWOSU.com](http://www.HuntWithSWOSU.com) and contact SWOSU Associate Director for Institutional Advancement Clarke Hale at [Clarke.hale@swosu.edu](mailto:Clarke.hale@swosu.edu) or 817-707-6795.

The SWOSU Charitable Hunt is being organized by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$26 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information on the Foundation, please call 580-774-3267 or visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com).