

SWOSU Receives Large Grant from ExxonMobil for Summer Camp

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University recently received an \$80,000 grant from the ExxonMobil Foundation for a Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp this summer on the Weatherford campus. The two-week academic residential camp is for 6th-8th grade students to increase their interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Wayne Trail (second from left) is camp director. Also pictures are (from left): SWOSU Provost Blake Sonobe, SWOSU Department of Chemistry & Physics Chair William Kelly and SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs Director Anita Blankenship.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Chemistry and Physics and Assistant Professor Wayne Trail recently received an \$80,000 grant from the ExxonMobil Foundation for a Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp in 2009 on the Weatherford campus.

The grant provides funding for a two-week academic residential camp at SWOSU.

The camp is intended to introduce 50 culturally diverse rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to college life and to increase their interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The students will also be encouraged to pursue science or engineering as a potential career path. The theme of this year's camp is "The Search for Life." Students will take hands-on/minds-on classes in robotics, rocketry, biology, mathematics and more. They will also take field trips to the Oklahoma Science Museum, Thomas P. Stafford Air and Space Center and Frontier City.

Trail is director of the Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp and can answer any questions regarding the program at 580.774.3124 or wayne.trail@swosu.edu.