

# Haggard Serving as Chair of Parks & Recreation Management Department at SWOSU

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Ryan Haggard is the new chair of the Parks and Recreation Management Department at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Haggard was recently named to the position, replacing Dr. Chad Kinder, who became dean of the College of Professional and Graduate Studies at SWOSU.

Haggard has been employed by SWOSU since 1996. He became a faculty member in the Parks and Recreation Management Department in 2004. Prior to this appointment, he served as an adventure programming specialist for the SWOSU Adventure Programs. In this capacity, he supervised adventure programming activities and program facilitators at each of the five adjudicated youth homes.

He is a graduate of SWOSU, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Therapy and a Master of Education in Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Haggard is a graduate of numerous outdoor adventure training programs including the National Outdoor Leadership School's Wilderness Rock Climbing and Backpacking course, Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS Wilderness First Responder course, Boulder Outdoor Survival School Wilderness Survival course, Jeff Randle Survival School, SOLO Wilderness and Emergency Medicine School, and the PADI SCUBA Instructor School.

He teaches a variety of adventure based courses including ropes course facilitation, SCUBA, archery, backpacking, whitewater rafting, high angle rescue, wilderness first aid, wilderness survival, lifeguarding and emergency response.