

# SWOSU Hosting 442 Band Camp Students this Week

Southwestern Oklahoma State University is hosting its 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Band Camp through Friday, July 13, on the Weatherford campus.

The camp is Oklahoma's oldest and longest-running band camp and has 442 students attending this year's camp.

There were 256 students who attended the SWOSU Middle School Band Camp in June.

The SWOSU legacy of summer music camps began when the first band camp was started in 1956 by SWOSU Director of Bands Dr. Richard V. Coy, Thomas Band Director Melvin "Buster" Westmoreland and Hollis Band Director Robert Moses.

Coy served as Camp Director from 1956-1961 and 1964-1967. Dr. Russ Coleman was the interim Director of Bands and Camp Director in 1962 and 1963 while Dr. Coy worked on his doctoral degree at UCLA.

When Dr. Coy became Director of Bands at Pasadena City College (CA), he was followed by Harlon Lamkin, who served as Camp Director from 1968-1970. Dr. James Jurrens became Camp Director in 1971 and held that position until his retirement from SWOSU in 1986.

Dr. Terry Segress directed and expanded the music camp offerings during his tenure as Camp Director, which ran from 1987 to 2007. Dr. Keith Talley took over camp administration from 2008-2016.

Marc Mueller now serves as Camp Director of the SWOSU Band Camp.

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