

OKC Thunder Exec to Speak August 1 at SWOSU

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Christine Berney, vice president of community relations with the OKC Thunder, will be speaker at a “Lunch and Learn” event on Tuesday, August 1, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The lunch is open to the public and will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Skyview Suite of the Pioneer Cellular Event Center on the Weatherford campus. Cost is \$10 and reservations should be made by calling the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce office at 580.772.7744.

Each attendee will receive a small Thunder item.

The OKC Thunder is having a basketball camp July 31-August 2. Nate Downs, director of the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, said the Thunder agreed to also have a luncheon for area business people and residents.

Berney joined the Oklahoma City Thunder in 2008 and currently serves as vice president of community relations and executive director of the Thunder Cares Foundation. She is responsible for overseeing the programs and partnerships that help the Thunder make a positive impact on the community.

During her tenure with the Thunder, Berney has helped establish the team as a leader in the Oklahoma City community and as a partner with nonprofits across the state. She oversees the more than 20 ongoing and annual community programs that the Thunder administers, as well as directing the fundraising and day-to-day management of the Thunder Cares Foundation, whose mission focuses on building and refurbishing community basketball courts across the state of Oklahoma.

Berney’s professional background includes public relations and community relations positions in both the corporate and nonprofit sectors. Before joining the Thunder, she served as the manager of public relations for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber. Prior to that, she was the manager of community relations for Sonic Corporation.