

# SWOSU Upward Bound Attracts 60 Students this Summer

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Upward Bound began this week on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford and the six-week summer program is hosting 60 high school students who are interested in pursuing a college education after high school.

The students begin Upward Bound in ninth or tenth grade and continue the program until they graduate. Students who complete the program are rewarded with essential knowledge and preparations needed for postsecondary education. Upward Bound pays for six of their college credit hours.

During the summer periods of the program, students attend classes during the day with broad subject choices such as pre-calculus, literature and astronomy. In the evening, fine arts and sports recreation are available to the students, and they also enjoy field trips on Fridays. In addition, Upward Bound provides them with ACT prep activities, workshops and campus visits to help them prepare for college.

Jamie Novey, director of Upward Bound, said that students who have been a part of this program in the past have voiced how much they enjoy getting to meet other students from other schools, as well as take part in interesting, diverse classes that are offered such as courses in lobotomy and forensics.

Upward Bound is centered on exposing students to what college will be like as well as preparing them for the application process and providing leadership opportunities. For information on how to apply for Upward Bound, go to: <http://www.swosu.edu/administration/upwardbound/>