

SWOSU's Outdoor Team Enjoying Busy Season of Fishing

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SWOSU anglers Mitchell Decker (left) of Coweta and Nate Colwell (right) of Adair show off their catch.

SWOSU's top anglers, the Southwestern Outdoor Team, have had a busy and successful season of fishing, and the tourneys are continuing this summer.

The outdoor team is a bass fishing club on the Weatherford campus.

The SWOSU anglers compete in three divisions of fishing competitions—Fishing League Worldwide: College Division, Collegiate Bass Fishing (Okie Challenge and Boat U.S. Collegiate Bass Fishing), and Bassmaster College Series. SWOSU currently ranks 56th out of the 219 teams in the national college standings.

In March, SWOSU boasted a top ten finish at the Cabela's Collegiate Bass Fishing Open on Lake Chickamauga in Tennessee. The anglers will be featured on the NBC Sports Network for their success at the tournament. The latest tourney was June 20-22 when the Bulldog anglers headed to Grand Lake for an FLW collegiate qualifier.

SWOT participates in community outreach events. They held a kids fishing day in Anadarko and plan to do the same at Rader Park in Weatherford this coming school year. The club also hosted the Big Bass Bash at Crowder Lake University Park this past spring.

SWOSU angler Mitchell Decker said the team is always looking for new members and all students are welcome. Previous competitive fishing experience is not required.

Members of the Southwester Outdoor Team are: Reyes Bishop, Davis; Garret Colwell and Nate Colwell (FLW Collegiate All-American), both of Adair; Mitchell Decker, Coweta; Jeremy Guest, Collinsville; Kenneth Kellems, Beaver Dam (KY); Jill McGlothlin, Carnegie; and Shane McGlothlin, Anadarko. Dr. Hank Ramsey is the club sponsor.

Like SWOSU Bass Fishing on Facebook to keep up with the Southwestern Outdoor Team. For information on joining the team, contact Dr. Ramsey at 580.774.3042 or at hank.ramsey@swosu.edu.