

# SWOSU New Student Orientation Planned July 20

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University students (from left) Allison Helm of Geary and Kelsey Hines and Shanna Deevers, both of Weatherford, make preparations for the upcoming New Student Orientation session planned July 20 at SWOSU. Helm and Deevers are orientation leaders and Hines works in the NSO office.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's fifth New Student Orientation session for incoming freshmen is July 20 on the Weatherford campus.

For students interested in starting college during the upcoming fall semester, they must first apply and be accepted to SWOSU before they can attend an orientation session. The session on July 20 begins at 9 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The program concludes around 1 p.m. when the students pick up their class schedules for the fall semester.

Families are also invited to attend the Family Orientation that runs concurrently with the student orientation. The families meet in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom to hear presentations from the offices of residence life, financial aid, student health and counseling services, violence prevention, auxiliary services, campus police, dean of students, and assessment (testing).

If families plan to bring younger siblings to the session, NSO provides an area to entertain them called Pup's Pit. The youngsters can color and make crafts, play computers games, and watch movies.

For more information, visit [www.swosu.edu/admissions/nso](http://www.swosu.edu/admissions/nso) or contact New Student Orientation at 580.774.3233 or [orientation@swosu.edu](mailto:orientation@swosu.edu).

An additional NSO orientation session is planned August 14 for students who can not attend the July 20 session.

SWOSU officials know that the current economic times may be difficult for families of college students. SWOSU Office of Student Financial Services Director Jerome Wichert said families should always check with his office, especially if they have experienced a job loss, are receiving unemployment benefits or have experienced a significant decrease in income since 2008 because it could result in more financial help for the college students.

The SWOSU Office of Student Financial Services can be reached at 580.774.3786.