

The Starting Block and Project Blue to Greet SWOSU Students

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Several activities are planned for SWOSU students by the New Student Orientation Office during Dawg Days on the Weatherford campus.

The first is a freshman event, The Starting Block. It will be held this Saturday, August 14, from 6-7 p.m. in the Wellness Center. The freshmen will meet with their Orientation Leader (OL) and their freshman orientation class as a group. They will do icebreakers and get to know each other as they talk about all of the activities for the night and upcoming events for Dawg Days.

Following The Starting Block from 7-10 p.m. will be Project Blue. This event will also be held at the Wellness Center. Project Blue gives both freshmen and upperclassmen a chance to get plugged in to campus life beginning after Move-In Day, which takes place earlier that day.

Events to be held at Project Blue include: rock wall climbing, spray-on tattoos, video game tourney, inflatable games, digital pictures, picture frame decorating, free food, dancing, 3-on-3 basketball tourney, carnival type games, massages, prizes and more! Collegiate Station will give t-shirts to the first 100 students at Project Blue.

Shelby Unruh, coordinator of the NSO office, said giveaways include gift cards from Benchwarmer Brown's, Braum's, Casa Soto, Downtown Diner, Fastlane, Heapin' Helpins, iTunes, Maurices, McDonald's, Nabor's Shoe Center, Pizza Hut, Sonic, Subway, The Cup, Vinicio's and Wal-Mart.

SWOSU Collegiate Activities Board will be giving away a flat screen TV, microwave and a ToyWatch.

This event is sponsored by NSO with help from MidFirst Bank, Collegiate Station, SWOSU Alumni Association, SWOSU Collegiate Activities Board, SWOSU GOLD Program (National Guard), SWOSU Wellness Center Staff, and the University Bookstore (Follett).

The Orientation Leaders will offer campus/building tours on Monday, August 16, at 5:30 p.m. The students will meet on the front steps of the Stafford Building and become more familiar with the buildings and the locations of their classes. This event is for freshmen and transfer students. It is also open to any other student interested in becoming more familiar with SWOSU. Unruh said it is helpful if the students bring the most updated copy of their class schedule.

For more information about The Starting Block, Project Blue or tours, contact the NSO Office at 580.774.3233 or at orientation@swosu.edu. For additional Dawg Day activities check the online calendar at <http://www.swosu.edu/calendar>.

Move-in day to the residence halls is Saturday, August 14, and several offices will be open from 1-5 p.m. to assist students and parents even though some of the offices will be open all day. Those open from 1-5 include: Admissions, Auxiliary Services,

Bookstore, Bursar, CAB, Campus Safety, Career Services, Counseling, Dean of Students, Financial Aid, Health Services, Human Resources, NSO, Physical Plant, Registrar, Residence Life and Wellness Center.