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Nearly 300 College Freshmen Helping with SWOSU Serves

Photo Caption: Nearly 300 Southwestern Oklahoma State University freshmen in Weatherford will participate in the first-ever SWOSU Serves, a service learning project benefiting the SWOSU campus as well as several western Oklahoma organizations. The event is planned for Saturday, October 13.

Nearly 300 freshmen at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford have early and helpful plans for Saturday, October 13.

The SWOSU students plan to participate in the first-ever SWOSU Serves, a service learning project that will benefit the SWOSU campus as well as several western Oklahoma entities.

Taler Alexander, assistant director of enrollment management and coordinator of new student orientation, said the freshmen have volunteered to help with 11 different projects, including:

- SWOSU Campus Clean-up
- SWOSU Library Clean-up and Organization
- SWOSU Student Union Clean-up
- Crowder Lake Projects
- 66 Special Olympics Bowling in El Reno
- Trinity Baptist Church Painting Classrooms
- Emmanuel Baptist Church General Repairs
- Weatherford Ministerial Alliance Cleaning Missionary House
- Great Plains Family YMCA Painting
- Corn Heritage Village Outside Clean-up and Spending Time with Residents
- AAUW Putting Together Breast Cancer Awareness Goodie Bags

The students will be working from 9-11 a.m.

“The mission of SWOSU Serves is to provide students with the opportunity to actively engage with the community in a service learning project,” Alexander said. “Service-learning is considered to be a high impact practice for students, because it contributes to the educational experience by promoting learning outside the walls of the classroom.”

The activity also encourages personal growth in students while also meeting various needs in the community.

Alexander said SWOSU Serves is an event designed to strengthen the relationship between SWOSU and surrounding organizations.

For additional information about SWOSU Serves, go to the following link:

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