



Oklahoma Chapter SWCS

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www.swcs.org
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www.okswcs.org
Check out activities on the Oklahoma SWCS web site.

<http://envirothonok.com/>
Learn more about Oklahoma Envirothon.

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Leadership Opportunity - 2011 Council and Officer Nominations

The Oklahoma SWCS has some big challenges ahead of us to help our organization meet the professional development and networking needs of our members and advance the conservation mission in Oklahoma. Our Council has initiated exciting initiatives to expand membership, reach student members, and increase networking and communication opportunities.

One of the most rewarding experiences you could have in SWCS is to join into the leadership team. If you would like to be considered for 2011 Nomination to the SWCS Oklahoma Chapter Council or to find out more about what this might entail, please contact Jean Steiner, 405-262-5291, jean.steiner@ars.usda.gov

OK SWCS Student Event

The Oklahoma Chapter SWCS is sponsoring a student event but is encouraging all members to participate. President-Elect Daniel Moriasi has made arrangements for us to have field seating at an OKC Red Hawks baseball game on April 15, 2011. Daniel needs a final head count of anyone interested in attending by March 15th. You may contact Daniel at 405-262-5291 ext. 263 or email daniel.moriasi@ars.usda.gov. This event is a great opportunity for students interested in soil and water conservation to meet other conservationists in a social activity.

OSU's Jason Warren Receives SSSA Young Scholar Award

Oklahoma State University's Jason Warren has been selected to receive the 2010 Soil Science Society of America Division S6 Young Scholar Award. An assistant professor and OSU Cooperative Extension soil and water conservation specialist with the university's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Warren is being honored for the way his *"balanced success in research, extension and teaching best exemplifies the soil and water conservation ideals of division S6."*

"Dr. Warren is off to a fantastic start in his professional career here at OSU," said Dave Porter, head of the OSU Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. "Since joining our faculty in June 2008, Jason has produced an unbelievable amount of scholarly work with tremendous impact."

In just two years at OSU, Warren has developed educational programs in soil quality, soil erosion, animal waste management practices and soil carbon sequestration. He works closely with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to educate conservation district personnel on the Oklahoma Carbon program.

Oklahoma Envirothon Contest 2011

The 2011 Oklahoma Envirothon Contest is scheduled for April 5th at Keystone State Park. This year's theme is saltwater estuaries and the competition will consist of field tests and an oral presentation. Karla Beatty, Oklahoma Conservation Commission and new member of the Oklahoma Chapter SWCS is chairing the steering committee as they assemble the contest. Volunteers are needed to assist with the contest as group leaders and monitors. Check out the web site for more information: <http://envirothonok.com/>.

Welcome new members: Sherry Hunt and Sam Wallace