



# Oklahoma Chapter SWCS

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## Links

[www.swcs.org](http://www.swcs.org)  
*check out activities on the national web site.*

[www.okswcs.org](http://www.okswcs.org)  
*Check out activities on the Oklahoma SWCS web site.*

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

## Contact Us

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## Oklahoma Envirothon Contest 2011

The 2011 Oklahoma Envirothon Contest is scheduled for **April 5<sup>th</sup>** 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/>.

The Oklahoma SWCS council will have a meeting in concurrence with the Oklahoma Envirothon for those that will be able to attend all or part of the day's events.

## 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<sup>th</sup>**. You may contact Daniel at 405-262-5291 ext. 263 or email [daniel.moriasi@ars.usda.gov](mailto: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. Please help develop this network and promote the society for the next generation of conservationist.

## SWCS Scholarships in Conservation

The Oklahoma Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is accepting applications from college sophomores and juniors for the SWCS Scholarships in Conservation Program. The purpose of this scholarship program is to encourage qualified students to increase their interests in natural resource conservation and pursue a career in this area of study.

A maximum of two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to qualified applicants. Applicants must be current residents of Oklahoma and must be undergraduates who have completed three semesters at an accredited Oklahoma College or University. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) or better in their major field. Applicants must be enrolled or intending to enroll in an agricultural or natural resources related curriculum.

Applications must be received by **April 30, 2011**. Recipients of the award will be announced in June. Applications may be obtained from individual Oklahoma college and university agricultural departments, Natural Resources Conservation Service field offices, or by contacting Clark Williams, SWCS Scholarship Chairman, at (405) 466-6101.

## 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](mailto:jean.steiner@ars.usda.gov)

Watch for the election ballots that will be coming to members soon.

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Welcome new members: Karla Trotter and Auda Trotter