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20th Annual H₂Oklahoma Festival Scheduled for Chickasaw National Recreation Area

The 2015 H2Oklahoma Festival will be held October 8, 2015, at the Travertine Nature Center in the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Approximately 350 fifth-graders from the surrounding area are expected to attend. H2Oklahoma teaches and reinforces the idea that water is one of Oklahoma's most precious natural resources.

Through hands-on activities and discussions, students will learn about the water cycle, water pollution, Oklahoma's biodiversity, pollution prevention, water history, water and wildlife, Oklahoma streams, trees and a multitude of water facts. Many of the activities at this event have been correlated to PASS objectives for Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

This is the 20th year that the Oklahoma Environmental Education Coordinating Committee (OKEECC) has sponsored the H2Oklahoma Festival. OKEECC was created by the state Legislature in 1993 and is comprised of governmental agencies within Oklahoma that are actively involved in environmental education. Members of OKEECC are the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Department of Commerce, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Tourism & Recreation, Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma City Zoo, Oklahoma Climatological Survey, Oklahoma Energy Resources Board, Oklahoma Geological Survey, Oklahoma State University – College of Education, OSU Cooperative Extension Service, State Department of Education (Oklahoma), University of Central Oklahoma, US Fish & Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the Office of the Secretary of Energy and Environment.

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