

The Newsline

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Winter Weather Safety Tips

By Annie Scheffe, Communications & Marketing Assistant

The leaves have changed color and fallen with the temperature. Chilly days, frosty mornings and cold nights have arrived. Winter is right around the corner.

Dec. 21 marks the official first day of winter. Each resident should be prepared for potential winter weather.

"Once in a while Stillwater will have some snow, but it will usually just be a few inches at a time," said K. Adam Queen, Oklahoma State University Police Department officer. "Once in a great while we will have a snowfall of more than 6 inches."

Oklahoma tends to get a mixture of all four seasons, but it is difficult to predict weather patterns more than 10 days in advance with Oklahoma wind. However, it is always better to be over prepared than to be taken by surprise with winter weather.

"In this area of Oklahoma, we are usually going to have what some would call a mild winter" Queen said. "This simply means that we will probably have some days that get cold, but, for the most part, it will just be chilly the majority of the time."

Temperatures in Oklahoma can be as low as 20 degrees, but usually the wind chill is what makes the temperature feel colder. Evenings in Oklahoma also can reach below freezing temperatures.

"To be prepared for the sharp wind, layers are always good in the winter time," Queen said. "The worst part of the Oklahoma winter is the wind. With the wind plus the humidity, it can be pretty cold. The layers can help block the cold."

Unfortunately, accidents cannot always be avoided.

"The most common thing for us to be involved in is motor vehicle collisions," Queen said. "When the bad weather hits, people still need to go to work, class or other places. The reason for the number of collisions is that people are not that experienced driving in the weather that happens."

If a resident is not comfortable driving in bad weather, it is their choice to choose what is best for them.

"Should an accident occur, 911 is the main emergency number," Queen said. "Remember, though, when calling that number from a cell phone, the caller will reach the Stillwater Police Department. If they are on campus, tell the dispatcher the emergency and location. The dispatcher will transfer them immediately. On any phone, the caller can call 405-744-6523. This is the number directly to our police dispatcher. On campus phones, the caller can simply dial 4-6523, and they will also reach the dispatcher directly."

During winter weather, always allow for more travel time. Be cautious on the road, sidewalks and bridges. Some cars may need to be defrosted before they are drivable.

"All cars are different based on size, age and capabilities," Queen said. "Usually though, if there is a decent frost on a vehicle, a good time to give a car to thaw is about 10 minutes. In the event of an ice storm with a thick layer of frost, it would probably take as much as 20 to 30 minutes. Everyone should always make sure that all windows are completely clear before driving down the road."

Common Winter Terms

Sleet – Rain that freezes while falling but does not turn into a snow.

Ice storm – Rain that freezes before it hits the ground.

Wind chill – What the temperature feels like due to the sharp wind.

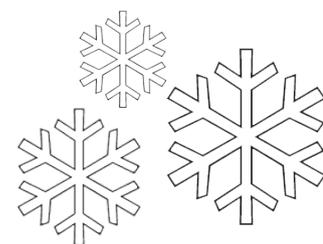
Source: Officer K. Adam Queen

If you are ever involved in a traffic accident during severe weather, you should:

1. Stay calm.
2. Move as far off the roadway as possible, but stay at the scene of the accident. Once you are off the roadway, activate your hazard lights to warn oncoming traffic of your position on the side of the road.
5. Contact your insurance company and report the claim.
6. Do not admit fault for the accident or discuss it with anyone other than the police or trooper and your claims representative.
7. Exchange vital information with the other driver involved in the car accident.

*Also, ask for the insurance companies and policy numbers for drivers involved in the accident.

Source: News9.com



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FGSH Office

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Congratulations to all our residents who are graduating! Our best wishes go with you as you move toward your next goal. Please remember that December graduates who are not continuing studies at OSU must vacate their apartment no later than Monday, Dec. 16, 2013. Remember that your housing contract requires that you give a vacating notice before you move out, so be sure to submit the appropriate paperwork in Iba Hall. Also, be sure to add or delete anyone from your contract who is new or who has left your apartment. We cannot provide entrance assistance to anyone not on your contract. The time for the holidays is upon us. If you are decorating your apartment for the holidays, please remember that candles, 'live' Christmas trees, and 'live' garland are not permitted in the apartments due to fire regulations. Finally, the FRC staff have planned several fun and exciting holiday festivities for you. I hope that you will join us for our community holiday celebration 'Christmas Around the World' on Friday, Dec. 6 from 6 to 8:30pm. If you have never attended this event before, I believe you will find it a great time to meet your neighbors and experience Christmas traditions as they are celebrated all over the globe. For those of you that have attended this event before, I think you will enjoy the new traditions we have planned! Also, this year instead of going to the Nutcracker Ballet, we are taking residents to see A Christmas Carol at the Lyric Plaza Theatre in Oklahoma City on Sunday Dec. 15. If you are interested in going on this trip, please sign up at the FRC front desk. We want to wish you a wonderful semester break. May you have safe traveling, happy gatherings, and enough rest and relaxation to return with renewed enthusiasm.



Sarah Wilkey, Ph.D.
FRC & FGSH Assistant Director



Keep up with the FRC on Facebook! Search "OSU Family Resource Center" and like our page. Make sure to check daily to find important FGSH information and for chances to win prizes!

Newsline Online

Interested in receiving your newsletter electronically?
Send an email to sarah.wilkey@okstate.edu with your name and email address. You will still receive a paper version.



Follow the FRC on Pinterest! Search "OSU Family Resource Center" under Pinner. Make sure to look us up for interesting recipes, activities and other information!



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Conserve Energy

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The mission of the Family Resource Center is to provide information and resources to individuals and families, with a particular emphasis on those living in FGSH. We assist residents in their adjustment to academic life and promote their success and personal fulfillment.

FGSH Spotlight

Staff Member

Jamikka White
Youth and Family Programming Assistant



Jamikka White is a senior earning her bachelor's degree with a major in human development and family science from Tulsa, Okla. She graduates at the end of this fall semester.

She currently is a youth and family programming assistant at the

Family Resource Center.

Jamikka comes from a big family and loves the family-style environment and the interactions between staff members at the FRC.

She has five brothers and four sisters, and she looks up to her older sister, Janikka.

She said her favorite food is Italian.

She enjoys photography, shopping and community service.

She also likes laughing and eating, which is one reason why Thanksgiving is her favorite holiday.

Her favorite movie is "Titanic."

Jamikka said an interesting fact about her is that she is president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

If she could be any where, Jamikka would be found on the beach.

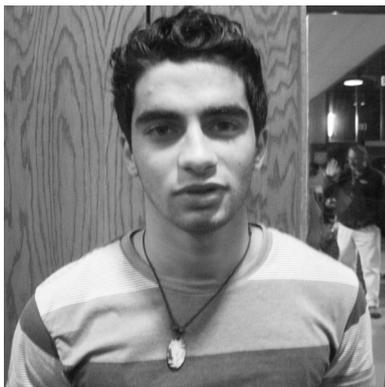
She plans to become a clinical counselor.

If you see Jamikka around the FRC, be sure to say "Hello!"

If you enjoy learning more about current FGSH staff members and fellow residents, be on the lookout for more spotlights in the upcoming *Newsline* editions!

Resident

Mohammad Mistarihi
Morrison Neighborhood Resident



Our resident of the month is Mohammad Mistarihi. He is currently a high school student.

Mohammad is from Jordan. He lives with both of his parents, his two brothers and his two sisters in the Morrison neighborhood.

His birthday is May 16, 1997.

Mohammad said his favorite food is steak.

His hobbies include playing basketball and working out.

His favorite movie is "Fast Five."

He said his favorite vacation spot is Spain and his favorite quote is "never give up."

Mohammad also said the thing he likes about the FRC the most, are all the fun activities throughout the year.

An interesting fact about Mohammad is he is 16 and graduating high school.

In the future, Mohammad said he would like to become an engineer.

If you see Mohammad, be sure to say "Hello!"

Recent resident changes to your apartment?

Help us keep our records up to date with the names of the occupants in your apartment. Any changes in the people living in your apartment need to be documented with the Residential Life office at 100 Iba hall, 744-5353.

Please alert the FGSH staff when:

- Roommate moves in or out
- New addition (newborns, dependents)
- Extended visit from relatives/ friend (two weeks or more)
- Family members move out

AA & FGSH News

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Brumley Improvements

We are currently working on making the Brumley AA's apartment wheelchair accessible. Until this project is completed, you can reach Samantha Whiteshield at brumleyaa@okstate.edu or 405-744-2311.

Attention:
The Family Resource Center will be closed on Saturday, December 14 through Sunday, January 12. Classes will resume on Monday, January 13.

Shopping Shuttle (free for all FGSH residents)

Sign up for the shuttle at the Laundry Mart 30 minutes prior to the shuttle's departure.

Monday & Wednesday Schedule

5pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Sultan International & Crepe Myrtle Asian Food
 5:40pm Leave from International Stores To Laundry
 6:00pm (Pick Up @ Laundry To Walmart & Aldi's
 6:30pm (Pick Up @ Brumley Office) To Walmart & Aldi's
 6:40pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 7:15pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Aldi's
 7:25pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 7:55pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 8:25pm (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments

Saturday Schedule

9am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Aldi's
 9:30am (Pick Up @ Brumley Office)..... To Walmart & Aldi's
 9:40am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 10am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Aldi's
 10:10am & 11am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 11:40am (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments

*All times listed above are approximate. Due to varying traffic flow, these times may be delayed.
 **The shuttle used to start at 5:30pm, but now it starts at 5pm on Monday and Wednesday.

| | Brumley Neighborhood | Demaree Neighborhood | Morrison Neighborhood |
|--|--|---|--|
| Apartment Assistants | Samantha Whiteshield Bldg. 120, Apt. 2 405-744-2311 brumleyAA@okstate.edu 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 | Rais Shameer Bldg. 36, Apt. 7 405-744-0309 demareeAA@okstate.edu S36, S37, S38, S39, S40, S41, S42 | James Bowen Bldg. 246, Apt. 205 405-744-3231 morrisonAA@okstate.edu 245, 246, 247, 248 |
| | Prosser Neighborhood | Stevens Neighborhood | West Neighborhood |
| Temesgen Helsabo Bldg. 17, Apt. 3 405-744-1737 prosserAA@okstate.edu N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, N28 | Pardeep Kumar Bldg. 92, Apt. 7 405-744-4927 stevensAA@okstate.edu S70, S71, S72, S73, S74, S75, S76, S90, S91, S92 | Skyler & Luciana McCrary Bldg. 87, Apt. 5 405-744-3103 westAA@okstate.edu S80, S81, S82, S83, S84, S85, S86, S87, S88, S89 | Sauyer Lay Bldg. 103, Apt. 3 405-744-3034 williamsAA@okstate.edu N12, N13, N14, N15, N101, N102, N103, N104, N105 |

Community Development News

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Community Development Programs Fall 2013 Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9:40-10:30am Intermediate English with John** | 9:30-10:30am Advanced English with Katelyn** | 9:40-10:30am Situational English with John & Katie** | 9:30-10:30am U.S. History with Caroline & Katie | 9:30-10:30am Movers & Shakers with Adran | 6-7:30pm Survival English with Ron |
| 10:30-11:15am Writing Skills with John** | 10:30-11:30am Learning English through Games with Caroline** | 10:30-11:15am English Conversation with John** | 10:30-11:30am Drawing with English with Caroline | 10:30-11:30am English Grammar with Katie** | 7:30-9pm Intermediate English with Ron |
| 12:30-1:30pm Craft Class with Kadie & Catherine** | 12:30-1:30pm Reading Skills with Katelyn** | 12:30-1:30pm Everyday English with Kadie** | 11:30-12:30pm Pronunciation with Katie | 11:30-12:30pm Listening & Speaking Skills with Katie** | |
| 1:30-2:30pm Basic English with Kadie** | 1:30-2:30pm English around the World with Katelyn & Caroline** | 1:30-2:30pm Book Club with Kadie** | 1:30-2:30pm Idioms & Phrasal Verbs with Katelyn & Caroline** | 1:30-2:30pm Cooking Demo with John & Katie** | |
| | 2:30-3:30pm Survival English with Caroline | 2:30-3:30pm Current Events with Caroline | 2:30-3:30pm Cultural Conversation with Katelyn** | | |
| 5:30-6:30pm Idioms & Phrasal Verbs with Katelyn & Caroline | 5:30-6:30pm English Conversation with John | 5:30-6:30pm Situational English with Caroline | | 5-6pm Korean Language with Jin | |

**Activities for children provided

FRC Christmas Around the World for December 2013

FRC staff will be working together to host one large Christmas event. The Apartment Assistant staff, Community Development staff, and the Youth & Family Programs staff will host a Christmas Around the World event on Friday evening, December 6, 2013, from 6pm to 8:30pm. Children of all ages and their families are invited to join the FRC staff to experience a variety of holiday activities from all over the globe. Additionally, children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus and to have their pictures taken with him. Due to the nature of this program, all children must be accompanied by a parent or another adult.

Pancakes at the FRC

Take a break from studying from finals by joining us at the FRC for free pancakes! We will be serving pancakes, milk, juice, coffee and tea the week of finals. The FRC will be "Pancake Central" every night starting Monday, December 9 through Wednesday, December 11 from 9pm to 11pm.

Programs made possible by funding and services provided by Family and Graduate Student Housing, OSU Student Activity Board Fee, the Stillwater Literacy Council, and the Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering Graduate Student Association.

Youth & Family News

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Youth and Family Programs Fall 2013 Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 10-11:15am Toddler Time (ages 2-3) | | 10-11:15am Toddler Time (ages 2-3) | |
| 3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5) | 3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5) | 3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5) | 3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5) | 3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5) |
| 3-5pm After School Adventures (ages 6-11) | 3-5pm After School Adventures (ages 6-11) | 3-5pm After School Adventures (ages 6-11) | 3:30-5pm Soccer Thursdays (ages 6-11) | 3-5pm After School Adventures (ages 6-11) |

**Please Note:

The last Toddler Time class will be Thursday, December 5.

The last Soccer Thursday program will be Thursday, December 12 weather permitting.

The last KKC class will be Friday, December 13.

The last ASA will be Friday, December 13.

Christmas Carol

Join us Sunday, Dec. 15 for a trip to the Lyric Plaza Theatre in Oklahoma City to experience the play A Christmas Carol. A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens, is a story about a bitter man named Ebenezer Scrooge who experiences an emotional transformation resulting from supernatural visits from the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Adults and children ages 8 and up must sign up at the FRC to attend this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Residents must arrive at the FRC at 11:30am and the performance will begin at 2pm. Transportation and admissions are provided by the FRC. Residents may sign up on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sign up for the event will begin Dec. 1 and end Dec. 13 or until all seats on the buses are taken. The sign-up sheet will be available at the FRC front desk.

Enrollment for Spring 2014

If your child was enrolled in programs during the Fall 2013 semester, he or she is automatically enrolled in the Spring 2014 semester. At this time, all programs other than Teen Club and Family Story Hour are full. Please send Amie an e-mail if you wish for your child to be placed on the waiting list.

Thanks and Goodbye for Now!

We regret to announce that this semester will be the last semester for our Cowboys & Cowgirls 4-H Club. We would like to thank Bill Weeks, Penny Weeks, and all of their staff and volunteers for providing this wonderful program to FGSH children and teens the past two years.

Youth & Family Programs Holidays for December 2013

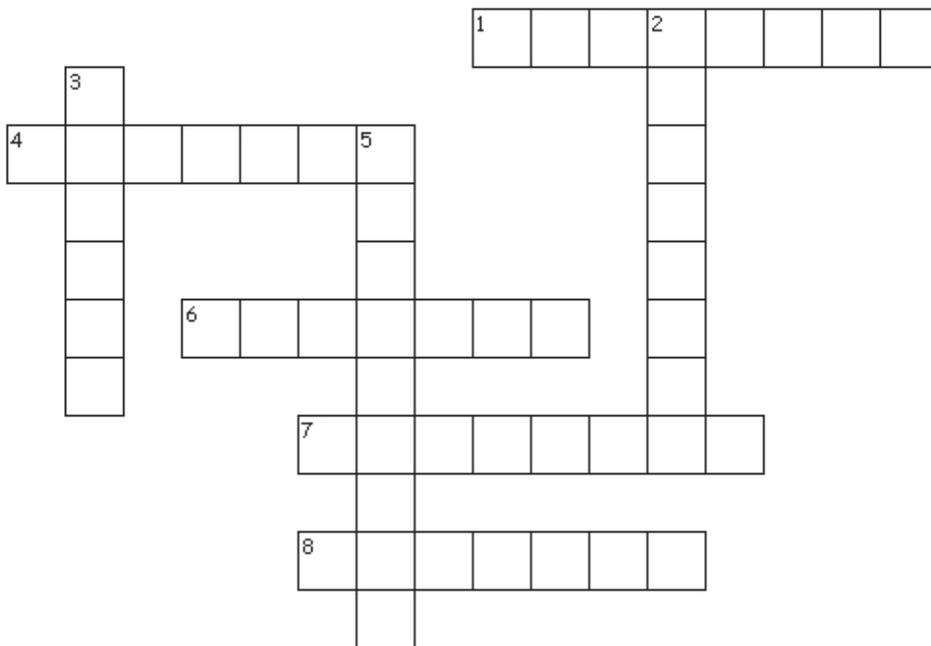
There will be no Kindergarten Kids Club and After School Adventures on Friday, December 6 due to the Christmas Around the World event on Friday evening.

There will be no Youth & Family Programs from Saturday, December 14, 2013, through Sunday, January 12, 2014, in observance of OSU's Winter Break. Regular programs for Spring 2014 will resume on Monday, January 13, 2014. Please check the January edition of the Newline for a schedule of Youth & Family Programs for Spring 2014.

Kids' Page

Find the words in the word search and color this winter-themed page!

Source: www.coloring.ws and puzzlemaker.discovery.com



Across

1. An activity where you slide down a hill on the snow
4. A clothing item to keep your hands warm
6. A person made up of frozen rain
7. A winter storm
8. An activity you do on ice

Down

2. The month filled with the holidays
3. The season from December to March
5. White "fluff" that falls from the sky

Upcoming events

Use this page as a quick guide to FRC, campus and Stillwater events going on this month!
December 2013

Sunday, December 1 to January 3

Pat Evans and Company Holiday Art Exhibit
Stillwater Community Center • Open
Monday - Friday 9am to 9pm

Monday, December 2 to December 6

Dead Week
Oklahoma State University

Monday, December 2

Red Cross Blood Drive
Stillwater Community Center

Monday, December 2 – 6 to 7pm

Coach Gundy Radio Show
Chick-Fil-A, 600 E. Hall of Fame

Monday, December 2 – 7 to 8pm

Evening Family Storytime
Stillwater Public Library • Best for children
7 years old and younger • For questions call
405-372-3633 ext 108

Thursday, December 5

Official OSU Class Ring Ceremony
ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center

Friday, December 6 – 6:00 to 8:30pm

FRC Christmas Around the World
Youth & Family Programs cancelled • For
children of all ages with adult supervision

Saturday, December 7

*OU vs OSU, Boone Pickens Stadium,
Stillwater, Okla.*

Saturday, December 7 – 8:30am to 2:30pm

Free CPR Classes
Stillwater Community Center • Call
405-707-0007 to register

Monday, December 9 to December 13

Finals Week
Oklahoma State University

Monday, December 9 – 7 to 8pm

Evening Family Storytime
Stillwater Public Library • Best for children
7 years old and younger • For questions call
405-372-3633 ext 108

Monday, December 9 – 9 to 11pm

Pancakes at the FRC
Free pancakes, milk, juice, coffee, and tea the
week of finals.

Tuesday, December 10 – 9 to 11pm

Pancakes at the FRC
Free pancakes, milk, juice, coffee, and tea the
week of finals.

Wednesday, December 11 – 9 to 11pm

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week of finals.

Wednesday, December 11 – 12 to 2pm

Oklahoma Virtual Library, Tip 2 Tricks
Stillwater Public Library • Register at <http://library.stillwater.org> or
405-372-3633 ext. 106

Friday, December 13

Graduate Commencement

Saturday, December 14

Undergraduate Commencement

Saturday, December 14 – 2 to 3:30pm

Anime Club
Stillwater Public Library

Sunday, December 15 – 11:30

A Christmas Carol play in OKC
Transportation and admission provided by
the FRC • Adults and children 8 and up •
Sign up first-come, first-serve at FRC front
desk.

Monday, December 16 – 6:30 to 8:30pm

Sewing Circle Reading Society
Stillwater Public Library

Tuesday, December 17

Final Grades Due from Faculty

Activities in OKC:

November 23 to December 15 (every Sunday and Saturday)

Chesapeake Snow Tubing
Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark • \$10 for
90 minutes of snow tubing • For times visit
<http://http://www.downtownindecember.com/ChesapeakeSnowTubing>

December 19 to January 4 (daily)

Chesapeake Snow Tubing
Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark • \$10 for
90 minutes of snow tubing • For times visit
<http://http://www.downtownindecember.com/ChesapeakeSnowTubing>

November 15 to February 02

Devon Ice Rink
Myriad Botanical Gardens • \$10 per
person (includes skates) • For times visit
<http://www.downtownindecember.com/DevonIceRink>

Event Guide:

FRC/FGSH Events

OSU Events

Stillwater Events

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The FGSH Resident's Council is a group of FGSH residents who serve as representatives of the individuals, families, students, staff, faculty & other residents who live in FGSH at OSU. The Council helps give suggestions and input to FGSH & ResLife staff. Please contact a council member if you have a question, concern or feedback.