

The Newsline

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Black Friday

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Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year, but the Thanksgiving weekend is also time to give thanks to things like your bank account. Every year people from all over the world wait until the day after Thanksgiving to go find bargains on expensive items like TVs, computers and gifts. This day is known as Black Friday.

Black Friday happens the day after Thanksgiving and is noted as the first day of traditional shopping for gifts, during which crowds of consumers are drawn to special offers by retailers. Many people camp outside of stores to ensure they get the best deals.



Source: <http://www.airpadrekiteboarding.com/news/black-friday-sale-on-kitesurfing-equipment.html>

National Retail Federation reports consumers spent about \$1.7 billion less on holiday shopping than they did in the previous year because of these great deals.

Saving money is always important, especially this time of year. Participating in Black Friday shopping can help you save money and plan your holiday gifts ahead of time. Gift items are not the only things you can save on during Black Friday. Stores have many things on sale during the event such as clothes, furniture and even food at your local grocery store.

Many stores have Black Friday deals where could save you hundreds of dollars. Walmart is known to carry the best deals. Last year they had 52 inch flat screen TVs for half the normal price. You can also find toys and other gifts for your children, family and friends for upcoming parties and events.

Stillwater, Oklahoma, fortunately has many stores that participate in Black Friday, including the two

Walmart stores located in town. Walmart normally opens at 12am on Black Friday, so if you want to grab a great deal make sure you get there on time because supplies are limited.

Don't be discouraged if you cannot participate in the Black Friday shopping adventure. Cyber Monday happens three days after Black Friday and you can get as good of deals on the internet. Sometime Cyber Monday offers better deals than in stores on Black Friday, so keep your eyes open a week ahead of time for upcoming sales that happen on Cyber Monday and Black Friday. Just make sure you know the website for the stores you want to purchase from. Mark your calendars for Nov. 28 and Dec. 1 and get ready to save, save, save!

Sources: http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/subjects/r/retail_stores_and_trade/black_friday/index.html



Source: <http://www.chic-steals.com/2010/11/cyber-monday-deals-steals.html>

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Greetings,

Happy Fall! November is the month of the American Thanksgiving holiday celebrated this year on Thursday, Nov. 27. **The FRC will be closed on Thursday.** Additionally, the FRC will be open from 2pm-12am only on Friday, Nov. 28. There will be no children's activities on Friday, Nov. 28. Normal weekend hours will resume on Saturday and Sunday after the holiday.

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of a busy shopping holiday season in the United States and in many places around the world. If you wish to ride the OKC outlet mall shopping bus that is free for you on Sundays, please stop by the FRC to pick up a brochure explaining the details. The FRC staff have planned a **free** Thanksgiving meal for each of our seven neighborhoods the weekend of Nov. 7-9. We hope you will check the schedule within this Newline to attend your specific neighborhood dinner. As the cooler weather approaches, help us by remembering to adjust your thermostat to 68 degrees in order to save energy. Also, if you are graduating or leaving Family & Graduate Student Housing in December, please be sure to give written notice to the Housing Office located in Iba Hall as to when you are vacating your apartment.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at the FRC.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Dr. Elizabeth Carver-Cyr, Ed. D.
FRC & FGSH Assistant Director



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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

Ashlee Jefferson
Communications and Marketing Assistant



Our November staff member spotlight of the month is Ashlee Jefferson.

Ashlee currently serves the Family Resource Center as a Communications and Marketing Assistant.

Ashlee is from Bridgeport,

Connecticut but graduated in Lawton, Oklahoma. She is pursuing her bachelors degree in strategic communications.

She enjoys reading, watching sports and spending time with friends and family.

Her birthday is March 28 and her favorite vacation spot is Wakiki, Hawaii.

Ashlee's favorite food is macaroni and cheese and anything her mom makes. Her favorite holiday is Christmas.

Her favorite book is Dear John and her favorite movie is Love & Basketball.

Ashlee plans to graduate in

December and move to Virginia and work for a sports agency in public relations.

Her role model is her mom.

A fun fact about Ashlee is she has lived in seven different states because her mom is in the Army.

Her favorite quotes is "The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of them all" from the movie Mulan.

Ashlee's favorite thing about the FRC is how helpful everyone is and how it has it's own sense of community.

If you see Ashlee around the FRC, be sure to hello!

Recycling Spotlight



Most residents recognize the big blue containers in FGSH neighborhoods as part of the single-stream ResLife Recycles program, which just celebrated its one-year anniversary.

Once the new recycle program gained traction last year, the amount of recyclables collected

more than doubled and continued to grow.

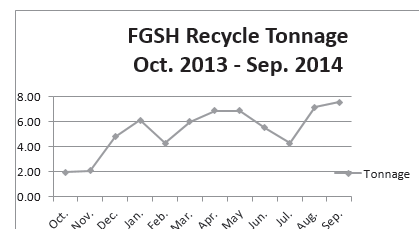
During the first month of starting the program, 1.96 tons of recyclables were collected (equivalent to 3,920 pounds). As the semester progressed, numbers continued to increase. Nearly five tons were collected last December.

During spring 2014, FGSH recycling averaged six tons per month. So, just within eight months, the FGSH community made a phenomenal contribution to keeping materials out of the landfill and allowing discards to be processed into new items.

From the program's introduction to today, FGSH neighborhood

residents have collected 63.67 tons recyclables. That is a remarkable 127,340 pounds of material averted from the landfill that can now be made into new products.

FGSH has done an excellent job at reducing waste and conserving resources by reusing and recycling. Thank you for doing your part to help OSU continue to go green!



AA & FGSH News

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Thanksgiving Break Hours

The FRC will be open regular hours Wednesday, Nov. 26. On Thursday, Nov. 27 the FRC will be **closed**. Friday, Nov. 28 the FRC will open at 2pm and close at 12am.

Resident Forum

Residents of Demaree, Prosser, Stevens, West and Williams (buildings 12-15) come take part in a Resident Forum to discuss air conditioner usage. Come let your voice be heard on Monday, Nov. 3 from 6pm to 7pm in the FRC Great Room.

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.

	Brumley Neighborhood	Demaree Neighborhood	Morrison Neighborhood
Apartment Assistants	Shanice Gray Bldg. 120, Apt. 2 405-744-2311 BrumleyAA@okstate.edu 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125	Vinh Nguyen Bldg. 40, Apt. 11 405-744-0309 DemareeAA@okstate.edu S36, S37, S38, S39, S40, S41, S42	Skyler & Luciana McCrary Bldg. 248 Apt. 108 405-744-3103 MorrisonAA@okstate.edu 245, 246, 247, 248
	Prosser Neighborhood	Stevens Neighborhood	Williams Neighborhood
	Taylor Rice Bldg. 25, Apt. 3 405-744-4106 ProsserAA@okstate.edu N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, N28	April Payne Bldg. 91, Apt. 5 405-744-4105 StevensAA@okstate.edu S70, S71, S72, S73, S74, S75, S76, S90, S91, S92	Lulu Ma Bldg. 87, Apt. 7 405-744-4104 WestAA@okstate.edu S80, S81, S82, S83, S84, S85, S86, S87, S88, S89
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Community Development News

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Community Development Programs Fall 2014 Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30-10:30am Craft Class with Amanda and Andrew**	9:30-10:30am Intermediate English with Amanda**	9:30-10:30am Active Parenting with Dr. Kithakye**	9:30-10:30am Creative Writing with Amanda**	9:30-10:30am Book Club with Amanda**	
10:30-11:30am Writing Skills with Amanda**	10:30-11:30am Professional Development with Lea**	9:30-11am English in Movies with Jordan and Andrew**	10:45am-11:45am Cultural Conversation with Caitlin and Amanda**	10:30-11:30am U.S. History with Adran**	
12:30am-1:30pm Pronunciation Skills with Caitlin**	12:30am-1:30pm Tricks of the English Language with Caitlin**	11am-12pm Everday English with Andrew**	12:30-1:30pm Basic English with Caitlin**	11:30am-1pm Cooking Demo with Andrew and Caitlin**	
1:30-2:30pm Advanced English with Jordan**	1:30-2:30pm Music in English with Jordan**	12:30-1:30pm Listening and Speaking Skills with Caitlin**	1:30-2:30pm Current Events with Jordan**	1:30-3pm Situational English with Jordan	
3-4pm Spanish with Cynthia Paladines	3-4pm Nutrition and Health with Shaymaa Al- Sharqi	1:30-2:30am English Grammar with Jordan**			6-7:30pm Survival English with Ron Avants
6-7pm Cultural Conversation with Caitlin and Andrew		3-4pm Environmental Problems with Maha Elturki			7:30-9pm Intermediate English with Ron Avants

Volunteering and Tutoring

We are currently looking for volunteers to teach specialized classes in the spring semester. If you are interested, please email frccommunitydevelopment@okstate.edu as soon as possible. The FRC has new guidelines regarding volunteering and tutoring in the FRC. If you are interested in volunteering or tutoring at the FRC, you have to meet with Lea Staedtler, Community Development Residence Director before you can get started. You also need to agree to a background check, which can take up to a couple of weeks. After it comes back clear, you can start volunteering or tutoring in this building.

Coffee House

The FRC is dedicating a night in November solely to the Single-Graduate students here at FGSH. Enjoy coffee, tea, snacks and good company at the FRC in a low key setting. This will be on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 7pm to 9pm in the FRC Great Room. This event is open for Graduate students, but please no children. Activities for children will not be provided. WiFi is available for those with laptops for academic use.

Game Night

Do you love board games? Do you want to meet new people? Then come to the FRC Great Room Sunday, Nov. 23 at 6:30pm for a night of fun and laughter. Refreshments and board games will be provided. This event is for adults only and activities for children will not be provided.

Thanksgiving Break

OSU's Thanksgiving break is Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Nov. 28. All Community Development classes will be cancelled on those days.

Youth & Family News

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Youth and Family Programs Fall 2014 Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30-10:30am Family Exploration & Playtime (ages 0-4)	9-10am Toddler Time Session 1 (ages 2-3)		9-10am Toddler Time Session 1 (ages 2-3)	
	10:30-11:30am Toddler Times Session 2 (ages 2-3)		10:30-11:30am Toddler Times Session 2 (ages 2-3)	10-11am Family Story Hour (ages 0-4)
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 Afterschool Adventures (ages 6-11)	3-5pm Afterschool Adventures (ages 6-11)	3-5pm Afterschool Adventures (ages 6-11)	3-5pm Afterschool Adventures (ages 6-11)	3-5pm Afterschool Adventures (ages 6-11)

Note: Please do not send your children to the FRC until a program is scheduled to begin. If children arrive early to the FRC for a scheduled program, they will be asked to wait outside until the program begins.

Note: Teen club will now meet once a month.

Youth & Family Programs Holidays/Cancellations for November 2014

There will be no Youth & Family Programs on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014 through Friday, Nov. 28, 2014 in observation of OSU holiday and Thanksgiving break. Programs will resume on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014.

November FRC Service Learning Day - Card Making

On Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014 from 3pm to 5pm in the FRC Great Room. We will be making cards for people in the local homeless shelters, nursing homes and anyone else who may be in need of some love and support. Please come out and join us for as long as you would like between 3pm and 5pm. Children, friends and family are all welcome! We will supply the cards, markers, decorations, glue and other supplies.

FRC Volunteer Palooza

From Sept. 2, 2014 through March 30 the FGSH/FRC are going to volunteer as a group over 500 hours this academic year to achieve the President's National Volunteer Service Gold Award. All you need to do is volunteer anywhere and log your hours at the FRC front desk. Prizes will be given each month to the FGSH resident who logs the most volunteer hours towards our cause. Once a month we will have a service day where as a group the FRC residents go out and volunteer at a specific location. This is a great chance to better yourself by bettering the community and make a difference in someone's life. If you have any questions, please contact Kane Mach, YFP Residence Director at kane.mach@okstate.edu.

Kid's Page

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Thanksgiving Word Search

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November 2014

Sunday

Monday

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Saturday

							1 Karaoke & Talent Show FRC Great Room 7pm-9pm
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2	3 Resident Forum FRC Great Room 6pm-7pm <small>*see page 4</small>	4	5	6	7 Brumley Thanksgiving Dinner Brumley Center 6:30pm West Thanksgiving Dinner FRC Great Room 6:30pm	8 Stevens Thanksgiving Dinner FRC Great Room 12:30pm Williams & Prosser Thanksgiving Dinner FRC Great Room 6:30pm
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9 Demaree & Morrison Thanksgiving Dinner FRC Great Room 6:30pm	10 Evening Family Story Time Stillwater Public Library 7pm	11 Community Connection with Dr. Cyr FRC Great Room 2pm-3pm	12	13	14	15 OSU v. Texas Football Game Boone Pickens Stadium
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16 Service Learning Day FRC Great Room 3pm-5pm	17 Evening Family Story Time Stillwater Public Library 7pm	18	19	20 Coffee House FRC Great Room 7pm-9pm	21	22
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23 Game Night FRC Great Room 6:30pm	24 Evening Family Story Time Stillwater Public Library 7pm	25	26 No FRC Programs	27 No FRC programs FRC closed Thanksgiving Day	28 No FRC Programs	29
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Event Guide:

 FRC/FGSH Events

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 Stillwater Events