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Vision: A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement, and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources in Oklahoma and beyond.

Mission: To promote through education and example, an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.

Welcome New Members:

Chapter Elections

It is time for the annual elections for the Oklahoma Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Positions to be filled on the council are at-large representatives and the President Elect. Four positions for representatives will be open. Individuals currently serving are eligible to seek those positions along with any other chapter member. **If you are interested please contact Lanny Miller at lrmmjmillier@hotmail.com.**

The position for President Elect is also needing candidates. If you are interested in this leadership position please contact Lanny Miller as well. Leadership development potential is a great opportunity for professional conservationist to further their careers and making positive impacts on the conservation of natural resources in Oklahoma.

National Land and Range Judging Contest in OKC

The National Land and Range Judging Contest returns to Oklahoma City on May 1,2,3, 2018. **Volunteers are needed** to assist your chapter on **Tuesday May 1st** to conduct souvenir sales of T-shirts, hats, and other items. This is your chapter's largest fund raising activity that provides scholarships and assists partnerships in conserving our state's natural resources. Melanie Oliver has done an outstanding job in obtaining items to fill the demand of the contest participants. Report to the Wyndam Hotel on South Meridian in Oklahoma City to help out and enjoy a great experience.

Save the Date for Chapter Annual Conference

The Oklahoma Chapter of SWCS will conduct its annual conference **June 7—8, 2018**. Dan Thomas, President-Elect and planning committee chair, reports that the expectation is to visit Grove, Oklahoma, at the heart of the "Grand Lake O' the Cherokees"! Presentations and tours tied to conservation practices in the vicinity of Grand Lake are expected. The meeting will take place at Har-Ber Village (<http://www.har-bervillage.com/>), a unique museum illustrating a broad cross-section of facilities and the life from the 1800's through the early 1900's. Opportunities to stay close by (resort, camping, motel) will also be available for the meeting and perhaps the following weekend.

Grazinglands Research Laboratory Field Tour

The Grazinglands Research Laboratory, USDA-ARS, is located at 7207 W. Cheyenne, El Reno, OK 73036. Also known as Historic Fort Reno. The Grazinglands Research Laboratory conducts its research as part of the Long-Term Agroecosystem Research (LTAR) network. This network of 18 sites includes research focused

on long-term productivity and sustainability of major cropland, rangeland, and crop-livestock systems of US agriculture.

The ARS laboratory will be hosting the 2018 Annual LTAR Workshop where researchers from the sites will come together to plan and coordinate their activities for the coming year. As part of the workshop a Field Tour will be available on **Wednesday, April 25 from 1-5 pm**, followed by fried onion burgers on the parade ground. Jean L. Steiner, Director, replies, "We would welcome you to join this group in order to find out more about our research, see how it fits into the national effort, and network with scientists from all over the country. We are very pleased that our ARS Administrator and Acting USDA Deputy Under Secretary for REE, Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young, and other ARS leaders will be attending."

If you are able to join us, please email (susan.eisenhour@ars.usda.gov) or call Susan Eisenhour (405-262-5291, extension 256).

Feral Hog Workshop

Several Conservation Districts in western Oklahoma are joining together to host a feral hog workshop on **May 15, 2018**. Due to the extensive damage feral hogs are doing to our lands this informative workshop will explain and demonstrate best methods to eradicate feral hogs. The workshop will be held at the SWOSU Business Enterprise Center at the corner of 7th and Davis Street in Weatherford, Oklahoma beginning at 9:00 am.

Outstanding speakers from the Noble Research Institute, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are scheduled. Lunch will be provided by Western Equipment. Call 580-772-7670 to reserve your seat at this free workshop or contact any of these local conservation Districts: Deer Creek CD, Custer County CD, Blaine County CD, Central North Canadian River CD, Kiowa County CD, or Washita County CD.

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