

THE REC REPORT

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THE REAL WORLD



Photo provided by: Kim Barlag (Students from left to right Preston Fuller, Bridget O'Neill, Erin Hammett, Courtney Crooks, Michael Sims)

Who says college isn't the "real world?" Students in the REC 3620/5620 Event Planning class were exposed to a real world situation to gain real world sponsorship from Jackie O's for their real world event!! Each of the five events being hosted in the month of April through the Event Planning class was given the opportunity to test their skills on gaining sponsorship for their event. Each group was provided a five minute window to "pitch" their event to Jackie O's, and in return Jackie O's chose the event they were interested in partnering with **ON THE SPOT!!** The winning event was Paint with Pinot, which will be hosted on Mom's Weekend on Saturday, April 7th. We would like to congratulate students Bridget O'Neill, Michael Sims, Preston Fuller, Erin Hammett, and Courtney Crooks on this **VERY** exciting partnership! Please see descriptions on ALL events being hosted by the class on page five.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 28th - Part-Time, On-Campus, and Seasonal Employment Fair, 1-4pm in Baker 240-242 - Make some money!!

Friday, March 30th - REC 3460/5460 Parks and Protected Areas course travels to Cuyahoga Valley National Park to meet with staff!

Tuesday, April 3rd - Film: Awake A Dream From Standing Rock, 7pm in the Athena Cinema.

Friday, April 6th - Recreation and Sport Pedagogy Professional Advisory Board meeting.

Friday, April 6th - Professional Panel discussion from 10:45 - 11:45am in Morton 237 - Representatives from campus recreation, Wayne National Forest, Dublin Parks and Recreation, Prairie Township Community Center, and many more!! All are welcome!!

Saturday, April 7th - Mom Fest 2-5pm, hosted by the Event Planning course.

Saturday, April 7th - Paint and Pinot, hosted by the Event Planning course.

Sunday, April 8th - Mom's Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Event Planning course.

Monday, April 16th - RSP Gala Event!! 7-10 PM! Hosted by the Event Planning course.

Monday, April 23rd - Athens Talent Festival, 7-9 pm, hosted by the Event Planning course at Baker Auditorium.

Wednesday, April 25th - Inclusive dance with REC 2750 and EYH in Ping from 12pm - 2pm, all are welcome!!

Check us out on Social Media!



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<https://ourecestudies.wixsite.com/recreation-studies>



NEW
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Danny Ingram – The “Quadfecta”

Danny’s journey to find his passion started in high school when he started attending Young Life summer camps, he attended three different camps before finding his place at Rock Bridge. After being a camper, he decided he liked it so much he wanted to become a staff member at camp. During his three

years on staff, Danny had the opportunity to wear many different hats, from high ropes course volunteer, to lifeguard, to horse management intern. When asked why he is so passionate about summer camps, Danny said, “They are a great opportunity for students, especially high school students, to step out of their comfort zone. Summer camps can break down barriers we create as a society... it gives students the opportunity to open up and be who they really are.”

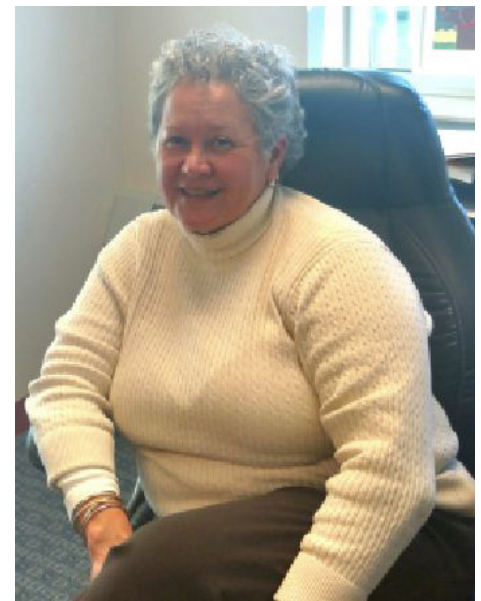
Danny, originally a Marketing major, discovered Recreation Studies late in his college career. Danny did not realize, until his house mate informed him, Recreation Management was a major he could adopt. Being that Danny realized he could match his passion for recreation with a major here at OHIO, the decision came naturally, but causing a bit of a unique situation. Switching his major late in his junior year caused Danny to be known by his instructors as, THE QUADFECTION. Danny is currently taking four of the most well-known classes offered in the Recreation Studies program. His line-up of classes for the Spring semester includes: Programming, Facilities, Event Planning, and Marketing, all of which include semester long group projects. The most difficult aspect of taking these classes together has been trying to find time to meet with all his group members in the different classes. Having Danny as the Student Spotlight of the month gives all his fellow Recreation Majors an opportunity to offer him a smile, high-five, or hug when you see him.

Switching his major was a difficult decision, as there were many unknowns and Danny was scared his credits would go to waste. After doing some research, he found the credits he originally intended to use for his Marketing major lined up perfectly for a Business minor. He was also able to rearrange some of his previously completed credits into a Psychology minor. Danny has great advice for people who might want to switch their major, “Definitely give it a shot. Ask questions and start to look at what you are passionate about, not just what society tells you to be passionate about.”

Author: Emma Fisher

WELCOME TERRI MOORE

In recent recreation news, The Athens Arts, Parks, and Recreation Department hired a new Director, Terri Moore. Terri has had a long and successful career in parks and recreation. Her past credits include, working as Assistant Director in Inverness Florida, and Deputy Director and Interim Director in Ocala Florida. Terri is friendly, knowledgeable, and excited to be at her new job in Athens. The OHIO University, Department of Recreation and Sport Pedagogy, would like to welcome Terri to the community! We look forward to continuing to build the relationship between our department and hers!



Support the Local Area with a Bike Ride

Join the community in the 13th Annual Little Cities Tour de Forest Benefit Bicycle Ride on Saturday morning, April 21, 2018 beginning and ending at Hocking College Student Center in Nelsonville. Various routes take riders through the forested hills of southeastern Ohio on both level and challenging courses. A gravel route was added last year and was well received and will be available again this year! Included in registration is a Tour de Forest T-Shirt and a “start your ride” Homemade Granola Bar from Fullbrook’s Cafe on Nelsonville’s Historic Public Square. A hearty complimentary lunch will be served upon return at the Student Center between 11:30am and 3pm. This is a non-competitive ride that raises funds for the Little Cities of Black Diamonds Council which is committed to gathering, protecting and sharing the heritage, cultural and environmental assets of this boom-to-bust coal mining region that is now home to the Wayne National Forest. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/TourdeForest/>

Summer Courses

REC 3240 – Outdoor Leadership

Applications are still being accepted for this amazing educational opportunity. The following course is a 26-day expeditionary course designed to teach students the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required for effective outdoor leadership. Students who successfully complete the course will have 9 credit hours completed of the 15 that are required for the Outdoor Recreation and Education core curriculum. This year's course will begin on May 19th, 2018 and finish on June 13th, 2018. As part of the course students will spend time backpacking in Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina and coastal kayaking along Cape Lookout National Seashore in North Carolina's Outer Banks. Course topics include but are not limited to the following: basic wilderness living skills, specialized wilderness travel techniques, leadership, judgment and decision-making, expedition behavior and group dynamics, environmental ethics, safety and risk management, wilderness emergency procedures, natural and cultural history, expedition planning and management, and teaching and facilitation. In place of REC 1000 as a prerequisite, the Recreation Studies Program will consider previous outdoor experience.

Submit your application today!! For more information please email Dr. Andrew Szolosi (szolosi@ohio.edu). To submit an application visit: <https://www.ohio.edu/global/goglobal/programs/outdoor-leadership.cfm>. The deadline to apply for the Outdoor Leadership course is March 30th, 2018; 11:59PM.
szolosi@ohio.edu

REC 3120 –Wilderness First Responder

Each summer the REC Studies program provides students with the opportunity to take Wilderness First Responder. The following course not only satisfies a course requirement within the Outdoor Recreation and Education core curriculum, but also gives students the opportunity to earn their Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification through SOLO. As a certification, WFR is often desired by many commercial operators and organizations in the outdoor field. The certification is good for three years. Given this consideration, students may want to consider strategically aligning their enrollment in the course to ensure that the certification is still current upon graduation. For more information please email Dr. Danny Twilley (twilley@ohio.edu).

REC 3700J – Writing for Recreation Studies

The Recreation Studies program hosts numerous summer online Junior Composition courses for all students at OHIO University. Join REC faculty to practice the writing process while investigating current issues and trends in the recreation and leisure field.

REC 2010 – Recreation and Leisure in Society

Looking for an online Tier II summer course? If so, join the Recreation and Leisure in Society course to gain an understanding of the nature and scope of recreation and leisure in society as well as an introduction to the recreation and leisure services profession.





Joe Wakeley

Joe Wakeley has loved pools his whole life. “At age six I asked my dad for a swimming pool and he handed me a shovel as he left for work... When he came home I had a three foot by five foot by two foot deep hole dug in the yard.” Once Joe completed the design of his first swimming pool, the family continued to grow their home aquatics facilities to more advanced options through the years and Joe was hooked.

However, Joe did not always see himself working in aquatics, when he started his undergraduate

degree at Penn State he wanted to be an architect. One of the classes Joe was enrolled in focused around what you enjoyed, your career aspirations, and your talents. For part of this class he had the opportunity to interview people in the recreation and aquatics field “and the whole thing clicked.” These interviews are what motivated him towards his new profession.

During college Joe worked at any pool that would have him. Even when he could not spend his time working in aquatics he spent his time working in other recreation related jobs, such as the concession stand at football games. Joe feels having a wide range of job experience led him to have a better understanding of how facilities operate. Upon graduation, Joe spent some time gaining various experiences before seeing an advertisement for the Ohio University Aquatics Director and was compelled to apply to the position. Not long after Joe was on a flight to Columbus for a whirlwind interview, during which “I fell in love with OHIO University,” he was most impressed to see students so involved in the operations of the aquatics center at OHIO.

The students are one of his favorite parts of his position here at OHIO and he enjoys when they ask questions and introduce him to new ideas for operating the facility. One of the most recent improvements, based on student input, is improving efficiency in regards to supervisor training at the Aquatics Center. Not only do the students have great insight for Joe, but Joe has great advice for current students, “get involved.” There are so many ways to be involved, either by engaging with professionals and asking questions, earning certifications and staying educated on the profession, or gaining experience in any area of recreation. Joe stands by his advice and is offering an Administration of Aquatics Facility course (REC 4550) in Fall 2018. This is a new offering in the Recreation Studies program and the program is excited to have Joe sharing his expertise in the classroom.

The aquatics center is open for lap swimming Monday through Friday: 6:00am - 3:00pm, Recreational swim Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00pm. - 9:30pm, and Saturday & Sunday: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

For more information visit: <https://www.ohio.edu/recreation/facilities/aquatic/index.cfm>

Author: Emma Fisher

Event Management Opportunity-Apply to Volunteer at the St. Louis Art Fair!!

Students interested in gaining high-level event management skills at one of the premier art fairs within the United States should contact Annie Frisoli at frisoli@ohio.edu to receive an application to be considered as one of six students to attend. The Recreation Studies Program is taking applications until Monday, April 16th for students to be nominated to volunteer and gain valuable experience at the St. Louis Art Fair (SLAF) from September 5th – 10th during the Fall semester. Students will travel together with faculty to be part of the SLAF event management team for the weekend to host approximately 130,000 attendees. Students are exposed to top level event managers and consultants from around the country. In return for their many hours of volunteering, students will be provided with all transportation, housing, and meals.

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ART FAIR



Try-a-Tri- Hosted by Campus Recreation

Sprint into Spring this semester and participate in Try-a-Tri, hosted by Campus Recreation. Try-a-Tri is a triathlon for first timers, experienced athletes, and everyone in between! You can compete as an individual or register as a team and split the events! Step out of your comfort zone and try something new! If you have always wanted to Try-a-Tri, now is your perfect opportunity. The event includes a 500M swim, a 12.4 Mile stationary bike ride (bike is provided), and a 5K run. The event is on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Check-in will begin at 11AM at the Aquatic Center.

To sign up [click here!](#)

MomsFest

An event put on by students for students, REC 3620's Event Planning class presents to you OU MomsFest! Proceeds will benefit the Blue Line Boosters, an organization that helps support the Ohio Bobcat Hockey Teams. Previously known as Chocolate Fest, this Mom's Weekend event is a can't-miss. If you don't have time over the hectic Mom's weekend to explore all of what Athens has to offer, stop by and experience some of the many gems of Athens all in one place. It will be featuring some of Athens' best vendors, businesses, and organizations. You can expect to experience a variety of local food, treats, and drinks as well as enjoy some live music, games, raffles, and much more fun with your mother and friends. This event will be held on Saturday, April 7th from 2 – 5pm in Charles J. Ping Center in area C. This is a free event, however donations are welcome to support our cause. Check us out on Twitter [@OUmomsFest](https://twitter.com/OUmomsFest) and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/597163043960688/>

Paint With Pinot

Come experience a night of creativity and relaxation at Paint With Pinot! This event will be held during Mom's Weekend on Saturday, April 7th at the Walter Rotunda from 3:00 to 7:00pm. During this time you will have to opportunity to sign up for one of our three sessions, each being an hour and ten minutes long, sample hors d'oeuvres, and create a painting to bring home as a keepsake! Tickets are \$35, with a cash bar for wine being hosted by Baker Catering and Events, and proceeds will go towards recreation programs connecting university students with members of Expanding YOUR Horizons, an organization devoted to providing recreation services to adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities. To purchase tickets in advance, please see link below provided for all the offerings from the REC 3620/5620 Event Planning class. Check us out on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/PaintWithPinotOU/>

OU Mom's Weekend-Pancakes for a Cause

Sometimes after a fun-filled weekend, a classy breakfast is a great way to end the festivities. Join us for a delicious breakfast provided by OU Catering along with games and entertainment to celebrate the special time you have had with your mom. This event will be held on Sunday, April 8th. All proceeds support the local non-profit organization Southeastern Ohio Trail Runners Association that will ultimately donate running shoes to deserving local area youth. Come out and support a great cause with your great mom! To purchase tickets in advance, please see link below for all the offerings from the REC 3620/5620 Event Planning class.

Recreation and Sport Pedagogy 1st Annual "Gala with Game"

Attention all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of The Recreation and Sport Pedagogy Department at Ohio University. The Recreation Studies Event Planning Course would like to bring our RSP family together in our 1st annual "Gala with Game" event held on Monday, April 16th, from 7:00-10:00pm, in Baker Ballroom. Not only are you invited for an evening of music, dancing, awards, and fun activities, but we also want to build opportunities for our students to work with local community partners. All proceeds from this event will provide programming opportunities for all Recreation, Coaching, Physical Education Teacher Education, and Physical Activity & Sport Coaching majors to come together in hosting active programs with Expanding Your Horizons, a local area agency providing recreational opportunities and other community services to those with developmental disabilities across Ohio. Let's take some time, to get off the court, field, bike, or mountain to enjoy the special bond of this department! To purchase tickets in advance, please see link below for all the offerings from the REC 3620/5620 Event Planning class.

Check us out on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/RSPGala/?notif_id=1521668477152446¬if_t=page_invite&ref=notif and on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RSPGala>

Athens Talent Festival

Explore some A-Town talent in Baker Auditorium on Monday, April 23rd, from 7:00-9:00PM. Come experience art, music, live talent, snacks, raffles, and much, much more!! This creative and engaging event also supports the local area non-profit Southeastern Ohio Trail Runners Association, whose mission is to promote trail running in Southeastern Ohio as a recreational activity. SEOTR does not only support their mission through trail running events, but also by volunteering to upkeep and maintain trails in the area and by providing opportunities for local youth to earn free running shoes, which the Athens Talent Festival is raising money towards! Please join us in not only supporting a wonderful cause, but also enjoying the local area talent! To purchase tickets in advance, please see link below provided for all the offerings from the REC 3620/5620 Event Planning class Find us on Instagram at: [@AthensTalentFest](https://www.instagram.com/AthensTalentFest) or on Twitter at [@AthensTalent](https://twitter.com/AthensTalent)

To purchase tickets for all events: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/ohiorma>