

Students win concert tickets after race

Land Run gave Lollapalooza tickets to the team who won event

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As the shot was fired, college students relived history by racing to stake their claim on an unbelievable prize and victory title.

On April 20, history was made when three Oklahoma State University students won the Red Bull Land Rush Challenge, an event remembering the Oklahoma Land Run. Twenty teams of three competed in a four-mile race along the Oklahoma River Trails to win a city suite in Chicago for Lollapalooza 2013.

The winning team, “Pup n’ Suds”, was comprised of Michael Custer, Trent Renshaw and Jacob Stivers, long-time friends since elementary



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Michael Custer, Trent Renshaw and Jacob Stivers won the 2013 Red Bull Land Rush challenge.

school.

Jacob Stivers, a geology and secondary education junior, recalled how he became interested in the event.

“We have a few friends who are Red Bull representatives and I received a text letting me know that I should sign up if I was interested,” Stivers

said. “I researched it a little bit to see what it was about and the prize caught my eye. After I talked to my friends, they agreed we should give it

a shot.”

Going into the race, “Pup n’ Suds” strategy was to distribute the effort equally among the members.

“We didn’t want one guy carrying too much or falling behind because you have to have everyone present at each station,” Stivers said.

The team used clues to find nine checkpoints. At each stop, they were given challenges such as solving math problems, recreating a homestead out of Lincoln logs, and completing a lasso challenge among other difficult tasks.

“It was pretty much land rush type games, representing the history of the event,” Stivers said.

As the participants finished each station, they were given a brick to carry until the finish line. In the final challenge, the teams had to unscramble the bricks that were gathered throughout the course.

“The equation at the end was challenging because we

were exhausted,” Stivers said.

“You had to make sure you had the right numbers and were doing the right order of operations. Running with the bricks and keeping together as a group was pretty rough.”

Remembering Oklahoma’s history is another main component to the Red Bull Land Rush.

“It was fun getting to have more knowledge of the Land Run,” Stivers said. “Knowing these facts off the top of my head while we were out there was a good history lesson.”

Although the race had physical and mental obstacles to overcome, Stivers said his support group helped motivate him throughout the course.

“It was tough, but the prizes were worth it in the end,” Stivers said. “I want to thank my friends and family who came out to support me. It was just a fun time.”

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OSU horticulture department to help create therapeutic garden

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Oklahoma State University horticulture students gain green thumbs from community involvement.

The OSU Horticulture and Landscape Architecture department will team up with the Edwin Fair Center to create a therapeutic garden for the facility’s patients in the fall.

Gary Wilburn, executive director, explained the collaborative effort.

“What we have done thus far is we have connected with a horticulture class at OSU and their class in the spring semester designed the elements of the garden for us,” he said. “We’re in the process of finalizing our plans and what it will consist of.”

The fall horticulture class will help them build the garden as class project, and Wilburn and

the Edwin Fair facility expect great things from the garden.

“One of the things that we’re concerned about is mental and physical wellness and we see it as a good blending of those two ideas into an activity that folks can get behind and enjoy,” Wilburn said.

Lou Anella, an ornamentals professor at OSU, and his horticulture class plan to not only donate their time and help to the creation, but also plan to go green in the

process.

“One of the things we will be trying to do is use recycled materials, so we might be building raised beds out of pallets,” Anella said. “It’s great for my classes to have real world challenges and it’s great for the organization to get this work done for no money.”

While the plans and outlines are currently in progress, the garden for patients has expand-

ed beyond Stillwater.

Becky Fitzgerald, Edwin Fair coordinator for case management at Ponca City, describes the spur of the moment program as one inspired by efforts at OSU.

“We hope to offer individual vegetable garden plots, a place for planting flowers, but my wish would be to have a shady area to transform into a therapeutic place,” Fitzgerald said. “A place to sit on a bench or dig in the dirt will provide a relaxing place for many.”

Aligning with the Stillwater garden’s purpose, the Edwin Fair center at Ponca City plans to accomplish the same thing.

“Gardening can be therapeutic at many levels,” Fitzgerald said. “It better mood, helps with memory and concentration, it’s physically healthy and gardening is a wonderful exercise. (Patients) can also improve diet; gain a sense of responsibility and accomplishment.”

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Technology use under question

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Phones, laptops and iPads are used all over the world, but students say their teachers aren’t letting them use their electronics in class.

David Nagel, an executive producer for THE Journal who wrote “Students Not Being Encouraged to Use Technology,” surveyed 1,004 students, teachers and school information technology professionals and found that students do not think their schools are using technologies in the classroom like they should.

THE Journal is a magazine dedicated to inform students, school administrators, tech-savvy educators, schools and classrooms to advance the learning process through tech-



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nology, according to THE Journal webpage. The survey was conducted by O’Keefe & Co for CDW Government, a provider of technology solutions for gov-

ernment, healthcare, education and business, according to the CDW website.

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