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# OU campus closed Memorial Day weekend

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All Oakland University offices and services, except Meadow Brook Hall and the Golf and Learning Center, will be closed Memorial Day weekend, May 29-31. Regular hours of operation resume Tuesday, June 1.

**Meadow Brook Hall** is open for tours Saturday, May 29, and Sunday, May 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The hall is open on Memorial Day, May 31, for its 1:30 p.m. tour.

OU's **Golf and Learning Center** will remain open May 29-31. Katke-Cousins Golf Course will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and R&S Sharf Golf Course from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Memorial Day officially was proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial Day originally was held in commemoration of soldiers killed in the American Civil War. Its observance later extended to honor American soldiers who died in any war. Most states conform to the federal practice of observing it on the last Monday in May, but some retain the traditional day of celebration, May 30. National observance is marked by the placing of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

You can observe the day by visiting cemeteries and memorials, flying the U.S. flag at half-staff until noon, participating in a "National Moment of Remembrance" (at 3 p.m. pause and think about the true meaning of the day), or renewing a pledge to aid disabled veterans or the widows, widowers and orphans of fallen soldiers.

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