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Golden Grizzlies head to Summit League Tournament

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The tournament will be broadcast online for those who wish to take in all of the action. The Summit League is offering a full tournament package for \$19.95. The package includes every men's and women's tournament contest, minus the televised championship games. The women's championship game will be broadcast on ESPNU and the men's on ESPN.

The Webcasts, available from the Summit League Web site, require a high speed Internet connection and Microsoft Media Player 9 or greater, Macromedia Flash software, sound card, speakers, a screen resolution of 800x600 or 1024x768, and a Pentium 600Mhz or great for a Windows user or 800Mhz with OS X Version 10.1 or higher for Macs to view. For more information on the Webcast of the tournament, visit the Summit League Web site Live. For those with slower Internet connections, audio access is available for all Summit League games. Free **audio broadcasts** are available for OU's Summit League tournament games are available from the **OU Athletics** Web site.

For those who are traveling to Tulsa for the tournament, OU President Gary Russi will host a brunch buffet prior to the first game at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills in the Sequoia Room on the second floor. For more information, contact Sue MacDonell, director of special events, at (248) 370-4909.

Download Oakland University's fight song "OU Fight" and play it as you cheer on the Grizzlies in the tournament. The song can be played from the Web site, downloaded and saved to be loaded on a cell phone. Not sure of the lyrics? They are available, too.

Written by Michael Mitchell in 1998, "OU Fight" is the spirit song of the university. The song is available for download on the OU Athletics site, along with instructions for transferring it to a cell phone.

Should the Grizzlies advance to the championship round of the tournament, watch **The News @ OU** for information on watch parties. If either team moves on to a post-season tournament, that information also will be available from **The News @ OU**.

The 2008 tournament will feature Oakland University, Centenary College, IUPUI, IPFW, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Oral Roberts University, North Dakota State, Southern Utah University, South Dakota State and Western Illinois University.

For more information on OU's basketball teams, visit the **OU Athletics** Web site.

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