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## OU students offer hands-on education activities for kids

Students enrolled in Oakland University's elementary teacher preparation program will offer outdoor education activities for children of all ages on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hawk Woods Nature Center in Auburn Hills. The activities are being offered in partnership with Auburn Hills' Parks and Recreation Department during its fourth annual "Fall Festival in the Woods" event.

Some of the hands-on activities and games that are planned include examining pond life under microscopes, building reptile homes, crafting plaster-of-Paris animal tracks and developing sun prints.

"Learning to use outdoor education methods will give Oakland students greater freedom and skills as they become elementary classroom science teachers," said Michael Mansour, program instructor and coordinator of the event. "The Fall Festival expects to have hundreds of children participate in the activities our students have prepared."

For details about "Fall Festival in the Woods," contact the Auburn Hills' Recreation Department at (248) 370-9353. For details about OU's post-baccalaureate elementary teacher certification program call (248) 370-3033 or visit the **Department of Professional Development and Education Outreach** Web site.

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