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## News Release

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### **Volunteers Needed for Annual Woody Guthrie Folk Festival**

The annual Woody Guthrie Folk Festival in Okemah is scheduled for July 14, 2010 through July 18, 2010. Each year volunteers help recycle waste generated at the festival. Volunteers are needed to help keep Oklahoma beautiful at this year's event. To volunteer, contact John Gowan or Melissa Adler-McKibben at 405-702-5179 or 405-702-5218 or by email at [madler@deq.ok.gov](mailto:madler@deq.ok.gov). Volunteers can sign up for one or more days.

"Special events offer significant recycling opportunities," said DEQ's Director of Waste Systems Planning Fenton Rood. "Volunteers help make the Woody Guthrie Festival and the recycling effort a tremendous success each year," he added.

Special collection containers at the festival and other strategic community locations allow residents and festival participants to recycle aluminum cans, plastic bottles with the lids removed, glass bottles, and cardboard boxes.

"I believe that we recycle about one half of all the waste generated at the festival. Since Okemah hauls trash to a distant landfill, recycling can result in significant cost savings for the community," Rood said. "DEQ can help other communities and organizations develop similar events or community recycling systems as well."

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