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## **WMCO Weekend Obstacle Course Brings joy to Students**

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Current Muskies went to the Obstacle course on the second day of WMCO's eighth annual WMCO Weekend 2015. The event was on Friday, March 20 in Muskingum University's John Glenn Gym.

WMCO Weekend is an annual event but the events during each year vary. For some WMCO Weekends the staff chooses a theme.

"Every Year we try and do something different, kind of change things up a little bit [have] fun and this year we have an animal theme to tie in with our animal encounters event that will be happening on Saturday [March 21]," said WMCO Promotions Director Kayla Rausch. "We were trying to come up with different ideas and this something new that we thought that we would try."

In addition to the Obstacle course New Concord's Muskie Wellness offered free samples of their products. During the Obstacle course event students were able to enter the "Watch and Win Orbit TV" giveaway. WMCO Weekend events that took place students and the general public could donate canned food or give a monetary donation.

WMCO then took the money and donated food and gave them back to local charities, CancerCare, The Muskingum County Animal Shelter, The American Red Cross, and Operation Feed.

"We donate to three different charities so the Mid-Ohio food bank, the Red Cross and the local animal shelter. People bring donations in to our different events and the money that we raise loose change that people bring," said Rausch.

Students who wanted to participate in the Obstacle course received a time card to keep track of how well they did in the events. Those students then had to do the Obstacle course events in a certain order. All the events were students competing against each other. The first event was a race to see who could get all the stuffed animals in the basket first, next was racing around inflatable tire tubes while wearing animal masks, finally students participated in a good old- fashioned potato sack race around cones.

"We always hope for a huge turn out because that means more donations, more money and food that we are able to donate to charities," said Rausch. "The charities that we provide for as a part of WMCO Weekend but we are always excited for anyone that can show up and are able to show up and they go home with really cool prizes."

WMCO organizes WMCO Weekend, they also receive monetary donations to support the activities through Muskingum University's Student Senate and local sponsors.