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His Noodliness is Upon Us!

Autumn is finally here, my fellow heathens and sheathens! It's time to get ready for all of the incredible ACT events in the next few months. We will be celebrating the beautiful weather (yeah, it lasts for about 5 weeks in Oklahoma) with some outdoor activities. I'm trying to find a location for a baby barbecue competition, but I only know a few local toddlers. Any help would be appreciated. Our last Adopt-A-Highway meetup was a wonderful success, and we would like to thank each and every one of you who came to help. (That's a good-looking bunch of Atheists right there! Can I get a "RAmen"?)



Oh, and speaking of good-looking Atheists, the bottom picture is of one of our cute couples getting ready for their interview with The Thinking Atheist. A group of us met to shoot the brand new ACTOK promotional video, with the help of Seth and his amazing camera skills. I was honored to be there, and I must say that this video will be heathen-tastic! All of our participating members did a great job, and made us look like normal (non-baby-eating) people. Thanks to all of you! For our newest members, I would like to both welcome and inform you that our annual ACT leadership vote will be in December. Paying your dues is not a requirement of the group, but it is necessary to vote. Message president@actok.org for more information.

October @ a Glance

- Drinking With Atheists, Friday October 12th, 7:00 P.M. @ Kilkenny's Irish Pub
- Light the Night Walk, Saturday October 13th, 5:00 P.M. @ Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks
- Volunteering for the Day Center for the Homeless, Sunday October 14th, 5:30 P.M @ 415 W. Archer
- Mid-Month Social Dinner, Wednesday October 17th, 7:00 P.M. @ location TBA
- Bible Babble, Sunday October 21st, 2:00 P.M. @ the Yost residence in Broken Arrow
- Official Monthly Meeting, Sunday October 28th, 1:00 P.M. @ Agora Coffee House
- Post-Meeting Social Gathering, Sunday October 28th, 3:00 P.M. @ location TBD
- Unholy Rollers Bowling, Sunday October 28th, 7:00 P.M. @ Sheridan Lanes Bowling Alley
- We are continuing our ACTOK Membership Drive this month. Please visit our [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com/actok/) page or send your dues to president@actok.org.
- Food and Clothing Drive is ongoing through the month of October. Please bring your donations to any event you attend and a representative will make sure your items make it to those in need.

Community Outreach - Light the Night Walk



Unfortunately, it is not very often that an Atheist group is welcomed with open arms to a charity event. As an organization, we would like to participate in various walks, runs, drives, and other events in order to both benefit our communities and improve the general attitude toward Freethinkers in our society. This is one opportunity we have to show ourselves to be generous and caring individuals in a public charity walk. The Foundation Beyond Belief has partnered with the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society for this month's Light the Night Walk. Atheists in Oklahoma and around the United States will be raising money and participating in this wonderful opportunity to support cancer research. The Lymphoma and Leukemia Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education, and patient services. And their goal is just as astounding: along with the Steifel Freethought Foundation's promise to match the first \$500,000 raised, the goal of the Light the Night Walk is ultimately to raise over one million dollars.

Perhaps it's just my opinion, but I really do believe that such organized secular charity events reflect a changing tide in our movement. No longer are we simply trying to stand up and be heard, but we are making a very good attempt to be seen for the humanistic approach we take to life. When others can see us doing "good without a god" or "good for goodness' sake", it chips away at the stigma placed on us as non-theists. And, well, as secular humanists (as most of us consider ourselves) we understand that the greatest good is that done with no promise of recompense or reward.

If you would like to walk, please see our Calendar of Events. The Light the Night Walk will begin at the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks on October 13 beginning at 5pm. I hope to see another wonderful turnout for an extraordinary cause.

If you are unable to attend or walk, or if you would simply like to make a generous donation, please click on our team's Light the Night page at <http://pages.lightthenight.org/ok/Tulsa12/AtheistCommunityofTulsa>. You may also feel free to sign up as a member of our Team of Atheistic Awesomeness at the bottom of that page. I would like to thank you all in advance.



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Last Month's Featured Event - Painting Kenny Nipp's Roof with "Obama 2012"



Now, while we do not normally (or publically) endorse any specific candidate or political party, I had to put this in your newsletter. Last month, a group of ACT members gladly helped our former ACT President paint his roof. It made national news, and needless to say caused quite the controversy on the local Fox News website. (I'll try to keep you up-to-date on Kenny's insurance claims.) I would personally like to acknowledge everyone who helped this project for their incredibly hard work and attempt to bring more discourse on the social issues at hand. And to Kenny, may the birds poop only on the whiteness of the numbers.

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