The Eagle Scout Award was presented to 16 year old Andrew William Janzen (often seen with family at DSA meetings) at a Jan-
uary ceremony in southeast Portland. He passed his Eagle Board of Review in October after being in the troop for five years.

For his Eagle project, Andrew coordinated vol-
unteers to clean, stain and seal half of the board-
walk in the nature preserve area of Happy Valley Park. The public works supervisor for the City of Happy Valley worked with him to brainstorm, plan, and implement the project.

Coordination and work totaled 180 hours, as troop members and volunteers cleaned and stained 1,558 linear feet of a boardwalk, as well as a platform, some benches and a set of stairs. Staining the edges of each board gave extra pro-
tection to the boardwalk because rot starts in the ends of the wood. 40 gallons of high quality stain/sealer was provided by Miller Paint. Since this is a very popular community walking area, many people have expressed appreciation for a job well done.

Andrew is the son of Dr. Timothy and Rachel Janzen of Happy Valley, and well known to many DSA people as the boy scout who
sells the excellent popcorn products around Christmas! He is home edu-
cated and attends classes part time at Clackamas Community College where he is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

His scouting awards include: 52 merit badges, the God and Life religious emblem, the World Conservation award (this award required earning the Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Management and Citizenship of the World merit badges), the Frontiersman award, Emergency Preparedness Award, the mile swim, as well as $1000 and $1500 Trails End Popcorn awards. He also serves in the Beaverton Youth Peer Court, and is involved in the Clackamas Young Leaders Project and a homeschool debate league. Congratulations, Andrew!

Eagle Scout helps Happy Valley

Dr. Mark Deming

Let’s Chew the Fat—Cholesterol and Evolution

At our February meeting, Dr. Mark Deming* will review a recently published online article “Cholesterol in health and dis-
 ease” by Ira Tabas. Cholesterol is one of the well known chemicals that we are taught that we need to avoid, yet with-
out it we would not survive. You will be surprised at what is so necessary about cholesterol, and how it is made and used by the human body. Did you know that it is a necessary part of every cell of your body? Cholesterol is the precursor to so many other molecules that control, stabilize and keep you functioning.

The talk will also cover the health issues of cho-
lesterol and why we are told to avoid it. We will also explore this amazing molecule and its part in the engineering of living organisms, especially focusing on its role in cell walls (and some other special features of cell walls). Finally we will look at evolutionist attempts to explain cholesterol in living organisms.

This month’s DSA meeting will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008, from 9 to 11:30 AM. Caution: this month’s talk will not be fat-free. See you there!

*Dr. Mark Deming obtained his Ph.D. in Chemistry from USC and his B.S. in chemistry from California State University at Los Angeles, and teaches Chemistry at Portland Community College. He has had an interest in science and creationism since 1991. Mark loves science and is still trying to find the “actual evidence of evolu-
tion”, so far fruitless. He is active in his church and works with kids from pre-K to middle school.
Save these dates—Register Now!

**DSA Overnight Raft Trip**

**July 8, 9, 2008**

*This new field trip* will feature an overnight stay in the rugged Deschutes country and cover 35 miles of a totally new (for our group) section of the river! This extended version raft adventure will be fully provisioned by Discovery Outfitters.

**Why?** Besides enjoying good Christian fellowship and the adventure of white water rafting, DSA members Steve Hayley and Keith Swenson will present a creationist perspective on the biology, geology (and night-sky stars) of the Deschutes Canyon.

**Who?** All interested persons are welcome to register. Anyone younger than age 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Meet:** We will meet in the parking lot of Central Bible Church at 7:00AM and drive to Maupin, OR, where the raft trip begins. Return time (to Maupin) will be around 5PM Wednesday.

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**Deschutes Rafting.... July 8 and 9 (Tues & Wed), 2008**

Name: ___________________________ Date of Reg.: ___________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Number in party: _______adults _______kids

Amount Enclosed: $ _______ (Please note: you will be contacted if trip is full)

Make Checks Payable To: Design Science Association

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**Science, Scripture & Salvation**

The DSA-sponsored “Science, Scripture and Salvation” radio broadcast is now heard each Sunday at 12:30 PM. This 15-minute program is found on **KPDQ 93.9 FM**.

**February 2008 Programs:**

**February 3, 2008—Origin of Diseases**
Throughout the ages, diseases have caused pain, misery and death around the globe. But, why must we suffer this way? If God created everything “good” in the beginning, how did such bad diseases come to be? Listen in to find out!

**February 10, 2008—Lincoln and Darwin**
What do Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin have in common? Surprisingly, there are significant similarities between these two famous men, and one very important difference. Don’t miss this interesting discussion!

**February 17, 2008—Gems**
Diamonds, rubies, sapphires, and emeralds; these precious stones radiate beauty, and delight those who possess them. How does their beauty reflect God’s handiwork in creation? Join us as we talk about precious gems and discover how their worth extends beyond our worldly borders.

**February 24, 2008—Did God Use Evolution to Create?**
Because miracles are hard to understand, many people do not accept that God created everything in six ordinary days. Instead, they believe that God used evolution to create. But is this possible? Tune in to this faith building program!

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**Sundays: 12:30 PM**

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