Weekend Field Trip: Oregon Coast Exploration

This overnight trip to the Oregon Coast will be great fun for the entire family. Learn amazing things about God’s special creation of the land and the life in and near the sea. Highlights will include a walk and class on tide pool edibles with Lee Gray, “The Wild Gourmet,” studying marine birds and their rookeries, watching for whales, collecting fossils of clams and other critters buried during Noah’s flood and much more.

Your guides will be Dennis Bokovoy, Steve Sparkowich, and John Hergenrather who will share with you biblical and scientific truth from the creation perspective. Travel will be by family vehicles. Saturday night you can choose to stay in a yurt, camp, or stay in a motel at your expense. There are 7 yurts available at Beverly Beach. They are heated, sleep 8, and cost $36.

Cost of $95 per family/vehicle includes a field guide, tide pool edibles hike with Lee Gray, all instruction, and admission to attractions. Send in the Form below, or print the Register Form from our website at: www.creationencounter.com. Contact Dennis to reserve a yurt and other trip details at: priority1@gorge.net or call at: (541) 386-2223

Registration: Oregon Coast Weekend Field Trip
Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8, 2009

Name (& spouse name): ___________________________________________________________________

Date: ________________

Children names & ages: ___________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________ Cell: ____________________ Emergency #: _____________________________

Email: ______________________ Total Adults & Kids: ______________

Total # of vehicles: ___________ @ $95 per family/vehicle = Total: ______________

Payment is due on February 25th, 2009. Your payment holds place on the tour—first come first served.

See and Hear
Amazon Journey!

The mere word “Amazon” evokes images of impenetrable jungle, brilliantly-hued macaws and morpho butterflies, flesh-tearing piranhas, bone-shaking malaria, venomous serpents, and blowgun-toting indigenous hunters. An accurate perception? Well, only partly.

About a year ago, DSA president Dr. Keith Swenson* and his wife Connie toured the beautiful rainforest canopy 120 feet above the forest floor. They saw exotic plants such as bromeliads and heliconias, and an array of critters including a giant anteater; capybara; tapir; sloths; monkeys; over a hundred species of birds; an assortment of frogs, lizards, and snakes—and, of course, bugs of all sorts. They also caught piranhas in the Napo River, and learned to use a blowgun.

Please join us at our February DSA meeting as Keith takes us on an Amazon Journey by means of powerpoint images and recordings of actual rainforest sounds. Especially learn how a creation worldview helped Keith and Connie better understand and appreciate Amazonia—and why it is vital that you remember to wear your “creation sunglasses” before embarking on your next vacation adventure.

*Dr. Keith Swenson is a retired medical doctor and is currently Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences at Multnomah University. He has been president of DSA for over ten years.

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Anna’s Hummingbird: Marvel of Creation

by Steve Hayley

December 2008. It was the very first light of a blustery, cold winter’s morning. The temperature hovered at 20 degrees F and a blast of Arctic wind raked a shower of powdery snow off the roof, swirling around the hummingbird feeder by our window. Suddenly, a tiny bit of feathery energy appears in the early dawn light at the feeder. Dipping into the sugar water repeatedly to fuel its wings, a female Anna’s Hummingbird (Calypte anna) is up and darting around before any other bird appears to be stirring. Having come out of torpor—a carefully engineered state of extremely low metabolic activity—she has survived a wind chill factor somewhere below zero degrees F and a driving snow that would have sent most of us into hypothermia long before dawn!

Consider the unique movement of a hummingbird’s wings, beating in a figure-eight motion, distinct from all other birds. Could such a unique manner of flight, allowing for movement in any direction nearly instantaneously, be due to a random accumulation of mistakes over any amount of time?

Although we could discuss the ingenious shape of the tongue and bill for imbibing nectar, the masterpiece of design that a hummingbird needs to do this is the bright “hot pink” iridescence of the head and gorget of the male Anna’s. This beautiful jewel-like marking is controlled by tiny muscles at the base of each feather, which can cause the entire head and throat area to flash like a neon sign, as he adjusts them slightly to refract the light in prism-like “light-catchers” that are pre-set in each feather at the “hot pink” light wave frequency!

How could such exquisite precision and detail be engineered by blind chance? Only an Omniscient Creator could logically be responsible for such an incredible creature!

“For since the beginning of the world, God’s invisible attributes have been clearly seen, being evident from that which has been made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.” (Romans 1:20 NKJV)