

Check your Calendar, and Register Now for the DSA

Deschutes Raft Trip

Monday and Tuesday,
July 9 & 10, 2012

This two-day raft adventure covers 35 miles of the beautiful Deschutes river country, features an overnight campout, and is fully provisioned by Discovery Outfitters.



Why? Besides enjoying good Christian fellowship and the adventure of whitewater rafting, DSA members Steve Hayley and Rick Thompson 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 [time to be announced] and drive to Maupin, OR, where the raft trip begins. Return time to Maupin will be around 5 PM Tuesday.

Bring: A list of personal items recommended will be sent to each person registering. Provided by Discovery Outfitters will be all rafting equipment, meals (lunch, dinner, breakfast & lunch) and shuttle to and from raft sites.

Cost: \$170. per person. (Due with this application).

Registration: To register, return the completed coupon below with your payment. Acceptance will be on a first come, first serve basis.

For more info, contact coordinator Ruth Hazen at: rehazen@gmail.com

Deschutes Rafting— July 9 & 10, 2012 (Mon. & Tues.)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Adults in party: ___ kids: ___

Amount Enclosed:

\$ _____

(Please note: you will be contacted if trip is full)

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Morning meeting
9am on the
third Saturday,
April 21, 2012

“...The wind goes toward the south, and turns about unto the north; it whirls about continually, and the wind returns again according to his circuits..” Ecclesiastes 1:6

George Taylor

Predicting Weather in the Pacific Northwest



ON MARCH 13 OF THIS YEAR, many residents along the coastline of Oregon awoke to no power, downed trees, closed roads and as much as 8 inches of snow in a rare one-two punch. This storm will likely go down in the record books as one of the largest coastal snowstorms in the month of March ever recorded at some locations. Records date back to the late 1800's along the Oregon coast, and the last coastal snowstorm of this size in the month of March was in 1951 when between 4 and 8 inches of snow fell. What is even more rare about this storm is the fact that within 12 hours, bewildered coastal residents went from 50 degrees with hurricane force wind gusts to 32 degrees and 6 inches of snow. All of this taking place just a week before the official start of spring.

Then on March 21-22 this year, another unusual late-season storm brought heavy snow to much of Oregon. The 4.3 inches snow for March 22 was an all-time record for March (the old record was 4.0 inches on 3/3/60). This was also the biggest snow amount ever recorded this late in the year.

Our guest speaker for this April meeting is popular climatologist George Taylor*, who will discuss these recent weather (short term) events and climate (long term) in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere. He will also address the topic of how we endeavor to predict the weather!

THIS MONTH'S DSA MEETING will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 9 to 11:30 AM, at Rolling Hills Community Church. *Be sure to catch this presentation, "come rain or shine"!*

*George Taylor is President of Applied Climate Services of Corvallis, Oregon, specializing in extreme precipitation analyses and forensic meteorology. Prior to founding ACS in 2008, Taylor served as State Climatologist for Oregon for 19 years. Active in meteorology and climatology since 1971, Taylor is a Certified Consulting Meteorologist (CCM), and has written two books: *The Oregon Weather Book* and *The Climate of Oregon*. In addition to being a member of the American Meteorological Association, Taylor is a former member of the Board of Certified Consulting Meteorologists, and two-time President of the American Association of State Climatologists. Taylor received a B.A. degree in Mathematics from the University of California and an M.S. in Meteorology from the University of Utah.

ACS website: www.appliedclimate.net

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Deschutes Wildlife Walk

April 28, 2012

We will see many different plants and animals on this 4 ½ mile round trip hike along the Lower Deschutes River. Steve Hayley and John Hergenrath will lead us through beautiful streamside and desert sagebrush habitats. April and May abound with many migratory birds, so bring binoculars and a bird guide if possible. We will also see portions of the old Oregon Trail and some of us may choose to hike an extra mile to find petrified wood.

Meet at 8:30 am (return by 3:30 pm) at the south end of the Deschutes River Campground.

Please register for this trip online at www.creationencounter.com/tours.

The cost of the trip is \$35 for families and \$15 for individuals. The price includes a small field book and hand outs on various pertinent subjects. There is limited space on this field trip.

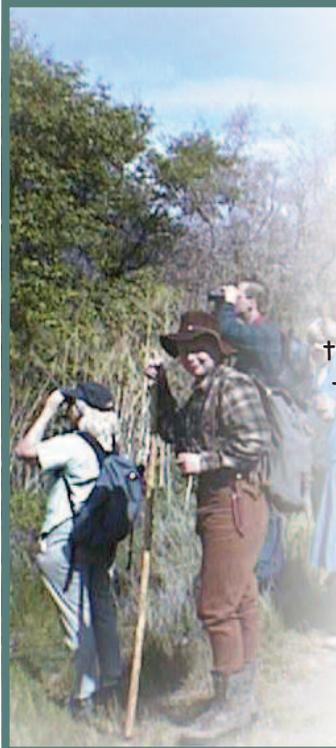
More details will be sent upon registration.



Why Do Field Trips?

Whether you have "Been there; Done that" or not, field trips impact you in deep and lasting ways. When you spend time in God's backyard, our Creator is able to use nature to impart something to our hearts that runs deeper than concepts and precepts. As David Coppedge said, "Just as it is one thing to know about God and quite another to know God, it is one thing to know about the creation and another, thrilling thing, to know the creation." God's plan is to use nature so we can know something more of his character and divine nature (Romans 1:20). It's also God's plan for field trip experiences to inspire more learning and study. Psalms 111:2 says, "Great are the works of the Lord; they are studied by all who delight in them." Also, some of the best and most memorable times come by learning from each other on these trips. Moreover, these experiences can give us more confidence to share our loving and all-powerful Creator with our friends and neighbors.

by John Hergenrath



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Ruth Hazen for details.

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Get Professors all Wet on Rafts!

For the last 4 years AiG, The Masters Seminary, and Canyon Ministries have teamed up to take Christian leaders and Bible college professors on an 8-day creation-based river tour of the Grand Canyon. Most of the cost (including a small library of creation materials given to each) is paid for by generous donors.

Almost 100 of these leaders/professors have been taken through the canyon and, while all have not been convinced, a significant amount of good fruit has resulted—and seeds planted. Some examples are:

Dr. RC Sproul, Jr. was "on the fence" as to the age of the earth before he came, but was moved to the young-earth position as a result of the trip.

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary is organizing a major creation conference for 2013 as a direct result of the CLT.

Dr. Evis Carballosa, one of the most well-known Bible scholars in the Spanish-speaking world, was greatly influenced in his preparation for writing a major Spanish commentary on Genesis.

Dr. Marvin Olasky, editor of *World* magazine, came on the trip as an agnostic on the subject of the age of the earth, but shortly after, he wrote a positive front-page article in *World Magazine* about the experience, and the significance of the issue.

Please consider a donation toward this dynamite project!

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