Deschutes Canyon Rafting Tuesday, July 11, 2006

What? Design Science Association joins with Discovery Outfitters, a Christian outdoor ministry, to conduct a one day raft excursion on Oregon's Deschutes River.

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 and geology 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 7:00 am and drive to Maupin, OR, where the raft trip begins. Return time will be early evening.

Bring: Provided by Discovery Outfitters will be all rafting equipment, and lunch. A list of personal items recommended will be sent to each person registering.

Deschutes Raft Trip • Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Name: ___________________________ Date of Registration: __________

Address: ___________________________ ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Number in party: _______ adults _______ children

Cost: $60. per person. (Due with this application).

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

Questions? For more info, contact coordinator Ruth Hazen at 503-658-7734.

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Morning meeting 9 AM on the third Saturday, May 20, 2006

“The word is true from the beginning” Psalms 119:160

The Journal Group

RATE Discussion: Part Two

LAST MONTH, three DSA speakers gave presentations on three of the subjects studied by the RATE team. In our May meeting, three more speakers will continue detailing the RATE results. The subject of radiometric dating and its supposed support of an old earth has been one of the most powerful strongholds in evolution. While serious problems with these dating methods have long been pointed out, most people are unaware of them, and still believe that a billion-year-old earth is beyond any question. The RATE team has questioned this belief, with some amazing results ...

DON HEBERLING WILL BE SPEAKING on Fission Tracks: What are they? How do we measure their “age”? How are they different than other radioactive decay events? What do they tell us about the accuracy of the radioisotope “clocks”? What problems do they present to the young earth creationists—and what are the questions for further study that they raise?

Fission tracks are a physical record of nuclear decay that has occurred since a rock has cooled. They can act as a second clock to check the radioisotope dates within the same rocks, plus they give additional information about the thermal history of the rock.

AL CHRISTIE will give a brief review of RATE Project findings on Carbon 14 dating, including these questions: What seems to be the main source of radioactive carbon? How is it that all living things have some C14? Why is it (theoretically) in equilibrium? What changes in this regard when an organism dies? How is C14 measured? How is the age of an artifact containing carbon calculated, and how accurate is it? What adjustments need to be made—and what assumptions? How is C14 dating vastly different than all other radiometric dating?

BRANDON CHURCH will conclude by discussing Eugene Chaffin's work on “Accelerated Decay: Theoretical Considerations.” Recent work by secular authors has suggested that the strong nuclear force (responsible for holding the nucleus of the atom together) is not constant, but could actually change in some cases. Chaffin found that such changes could cause atoms to decay much faster than they do today. He then goes on to investigate recent theories that attempt to explain the causes of the physical forces, and he details several possible ways that this change in the strong force might have occurred in the past. As a bonus, Brandon will give a brief introduction to quantum physics!

THIS MONTH’S DSA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, May 20, 2006, from 9 to 11:30 AM. Be sure to join us as we further investigate this important research.
What? Design Science Association conducts field trips to study and enjoy the beautiful spring wildflowers of our area. Instruction by leaders Ruth Hazen and John Hergenrather is based on a Biblical view of origins and earth history.

Where? Our destination is the spectacular flower-covered meadows atop Dog Mountain, WA in the Columbia River Gorge.

Who? Only those with a high degree of physical fitness and strength should register for this hike. It is 3.8 miles to the top of Dog Mountain and every step is uphill. Elevation gain is about 2800 feet.

Meet: We will meet at 7:30 am in Lewis and Clark State Park just east of Troutdale. Take exit 18 from I-84, east of Troutdale, just after crossing the Sandy River. The road winds so that you stop facing the river. Turn left, and go a short distance (under railroad trestle) to the parking area of Lewis and Clark State Park. Carpooling arrangements will be made at the park.

Bring: Day pack, sack lunch, canteen, binoculars, notebook and pencil, adequate clothes for wet or cold weather. Special item: If possible bring a copy of Wildflowers of the Columbia Gorge by Russ Jolley. Sufficient copies of this book will also be available for loan.

Cost: There is no charge for the trip, but a small donation to DSA is appreciated!

Questions? For further info, contact Ruth Hazen (field trip coordinator) at (503) 658-7734.

Please Note: All vehicles parking at Dog Mt. must display a Northwest Forest Pass, which may be purchased at the park. There is a small charge for the trip, but a small donation to DSA is appreciated! 

John Day Country Tour • Sat. and Sunday, June 3 and 4, 2006
Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________ Date: ______________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

Number in party: _____ adults _____ children

What to Bring: . . . more details and directions to meeting place sent on registration.

Questions: . . . email: priority1@gorge.net or phone Dennis at 541-386-2223 (mornings best).

Include registration form below with check for trip cost of your choice.

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Enjoy fossil hunting and short hikes in the beautiful John Day country, learn about the flora and fauna of the past, while enjoying today’s wildflowers and wildlife. We will show the evidences for Creation and the Genesis Flood in the geology of the beautiful Picture Gorge, Painted Hills, and the Crooked River Gorge, and visit the new Visitor Center & Museum for John Day Fossil Beds National Monument.

For singles, couples & families of 3: cost of $130 per person includes registration, transportation by van, lodging (double occupancy), and guide book. We will stay in the rustic, original Oregon Hotel in Mitchell, traveling by one or two 15 passenger van(s).

For families of 4 or more: cost of $225 per family (includes registration and guide book), families drive their own vehicle and camp in own tent(s) in the city park across from the Oregon Hotel, which has 3 rooms available for families of 4 to 6 members for an additional $70. (Total $225 + $70 = $295)

Depart: . . . Saturday 7:45 AM.
Return: . . . Sunday 6 PM.
Meet: . . . 7:30 AM sharp from Hood River Swimming Pool, 15th & May St., Hood River Meals: . . . All meals at your cost. Sack lunches Sat & Sun. Eat out 1 supper & 1 breakfast.

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