

Sand Hills Discovery Experience



“Ashes in the Sand Hills” Thursday, July 8, 2010

Ainsworth High School, 520 E. 2nd St., Ainsworth, Nebraska

Presenters:

- “Ashes in the Sand Hills” – Bob Diffendal
- “Climatology and the Sand Hills” – Al Dutcher
- “Fossils from the Rick Irwin Fossil Quarry” – Shane Tucker
- “Fossil Insects from Ash Deposits (12-35mya)” – Stan Lewis
- “Rocky Mountains: The Head Waters of the Platte River” – Will Locke

Breakout sessions, exhibitors, vendors, continental breakfast and a catered lunch are included in the full day registration fee. Informative tours are available on Wednesday and Friday to those registered for the Thursday conference.

COLLEGE CREDIT OFFERED

One hour senior/graduate credit in education is also offered, at an additional fee, by Wayne State College. For more information on college credit, contact Wayne State College, 1111 Main St., Wayne, NE 68787; phone 1-800-228-9972 or e-mail the continuing education department, demoste1@wsc.edu

9th Annual “Sand Hills Discovery Experience” 2010 Information

8:00-8:45 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (Use south door)

Fee: \$50 (early registration-\$45) per person.

Students under 18 may attend this event free of charge if accompanying an adult with paid registration.

8:45-9:00 - Opening of conference

9:00 – 12:00 - Presentations

12:00 – 1:00 - Lunch (included)

1:00 – 4:30 - Presentations continue

Vendors and exhibitors will be on site until 5:00 p.m.

*****More information at www.sandhillsdiscovery.org*****

Pre and Post Conference Tours and Workshops

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

1. Fossil Dig

8:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Fee \$10.00

This tour will visit a 6.6 million year old fossil dig. Shane Tucker and staff will assist participants to work the dig. Tour is limited to 16 participants. Repeats Friday.

2. Prescribed Burn Sites in the Niobrara Valley

1:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m.

Fee \$7.00

Al Steuter will lead this tour of prescribed burn sites in the Niobrara Valley. During the tour, activities for children and youth will be held at the Nature Conservancy headquarters.

3. Shoebox Science (for educators)

2:00-4:00 p.m.

No Fee

Will be held in the Ainsworth Conference Center Meeting Room

Kathy French will present a 'hands on' session featuring the University of Nebraska State Museum's Shoebox Science kits. We will dive into a wide variety of kits from butterflies to dinosaurs and ancient people. See how these resources can enhance your teaching. Sometimes your units just need a few more hands on opportunities!

Thursday, July 8, 2010

4. Dutch Oven Cooking Workshop

6:00 p.m.

Held at Barb Lamb's house in rural Ainsworth (directions will be given).

Fee \$20.00 for adults

\$10.00 for age 12 and under

Debra McKim will discuss the history of Dutch ovens, care/maintenance, and cooking techniques. A delicious dutch oven dinner with all the trimmings and dessert is included. The workshop is limited to 50 participants.

Friday, July 9, 2010

5. Fossil Dig

8:15 a.m. -12:00 noon

Fee \$10.00

This tour will visit a 6.6 million year old fossil dig. Shane Tucker and staff will assist participants to work the dig. Tour is limited to 16 participants.

6. Ash Fall Fossil Beds

7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fee \$20.00

This will be an escorted tour through the fossil beds and the new Hubbard Rhino Barn. Afterwards, a no-host lunch will be available at nearby Green Gables Restaurant. Individuals may provide their own transportation for a \$10 reduction in the fee. Tour is limited to 30 participants.

7. Sand Hills Lake Tour

8:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Fee \$7.00

Take an escorted scenic drive through the Sand Hills to visit Willow Lake, Moon Lake, Long Lake, and others. Stops will include information on the flora and fauna at each site.

General Information: These tours are held in conjunction with the Sand Hills Discovery Experience. **All tours will leave from the north entrance of the Ainsworth Conference Center, east Highway 20 and Ash Street.** Returning times are approximate. Plan to bring necessary out-of-doors items, such as sunscreen, bug spray, sunglasses, hats, comfortable, sturdy shoes and a water bottle. Tours are limited to registered conference attendees. Tours are limited in size and will be filled on first come, first serve basis. Transportation provided except where noted.

A block of rooms has been reserved until July 1st at the Ainsworth Rodeway Inn, 888-757-1050 (toll free) and at the Ainsworth Super 8 Motel, phone 800-800-8000. For other lodging or general information, call the Ainsworth Chamber of Commerce, 402-387-2740 (866-387-2740 toll free) or see www.ainsworthchamber.com.

