

Sand Hills Discovery Foundation



Sand Hills Lakes, Rivers and Creeks

Thursday, July 14, 2011

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

Presenters:

- **“Groundwater, Who Cares?” - Jane Griffin**
- **TBA - Sue Lackey**
- **“The Western Sand Hills Alkaline Lake Ecosystem: A Unique “Change” Laboratory” – Bradley Plantz**
- **“Were There Active Dunes in the Sand Hills During the Last Glacial Period? – James Swinehart**
- **“Niobrara River: Nebraska’s National Treasure” – Sandi Kinzer**

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.

10th Annual “Sand Hills Discovery Experience” 2011 Information

8:00-8:45 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

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

Students under 18 may attend 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 with full day registration)

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 13, 2011

1. Fossil Dig

8:15 am - 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. Merritt Dam and the Irrigation Project

10:30 am -4:30 pm

Fee \$17.00

Rod Imm, manager of the Ainsworth Irrigation Project, will escort this tour to Merritt Dam and will discuss the history of the irrigation project. Tour is limited to 15 participants. Sack lunch will be provided.

3. Water Experiences

2:00-4:00 pm

No Fee

Rachael Herpel, from the Water Center at UNL's School of Natural Resources, will explore how individuals understand and relate to water and what this means as people work together - or don't work together - to address water issues. Will be held at the Ainsworth Conference Center meeting room.

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4. Steak Dinner Workshop

6:00 pm

Held at Dennis Bauer's house in rural Ainsworth (directions will be given).

Fee \$15.00 for adults

\$10.00 for age 12 and under

Dennis Bauer, UNL Extension Educator, will be demonstrating the new flavorful and tender cuts of meat that come out of the chuck roll during this presentation. Participants will also have the opportunity to taste test these cuts. Following the demonstration a grilled steak supper with all the trimmings will be served. Tour is limited to 50 participants.

Friday, July 15, 2011

5. Plum Creek Tour

9:00 am -12:00 noon

Fee \$10.00

Visit a scenic overlook of Plum Creek as featured in the May/June 2011 issue of Nebraska Life. Learn about the geology and history of the area. \$5.00 reduction on fees if you drive your own car.

6. Lake Wobig

7:45 am - 3:00 pm

Fee \$20.00

Jim Swinehart will escort this tour to the ancient lakebed. Sack lunch will be provided. \$5.00 reduction in fees if you drive your own car. Tour is limited to 16 participants.

7. Sand Hills Lake Tour

8:45 am - 12:00 noon

Fee \$12.00

Take an escorted scenic drive through the Sand Hills to view Sand Hills lakes and the spring-fed Calamus River Valley. Stops will include information on the flora and fauna at each site. \$5.00 reduction in fees if you drive your own car. Tour is limited to 15 participants.

General Information: Tours are held in conjunction with the Sand Hills Discovery Experience and **are limited to registered conference attendees.** 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 in size and will be filled on first come, first served 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 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.

SAND HILLS DISCOVERY REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

Pre-registration requested by July 1, 2011

Number adults attending _____ @ \$50 each (\$45 registration before 07/01/11) = \$ _____

Number students** attending _____ with adult Student Name(s) _____

Number adults attending _____ @ \$25 each for 1/2 day conference (Lunch not included)= \$ _____

Number attending Tour #1 _____ @ \$10 each adult = \$ _____
(Fossil Dig)

_____ @ free student rate

Number attending Tour #2 _____ @ \$17 each adult = \$ _____
(Merritt Dam)

_____ @ free student rate

Number attending wksp #3 _____ adult(s)
(Water Topics)

_____ student(s)

Number attending wksp #4 _____ @ \$15 each adult= \$ _____
(Steak Dinner)

_____ @ \$10 student rate= \$ _____

Number attending Tour #5 _____ @ \$10 each adult= \$ _____
(Plum Creek)

_____ @\$5 if providing own transportation= \$ _____

_____ @ free student rate

Number attending Tour #6 _____ @ \$20 per person= \$ _____
(Lake Wobig)

_____ @\$15 if providing own transportation= \$ _____

_____ @ free student rate \$ _____

Number attending Tour #7 _____ @\$12 each adult= \$ _____
(Sand Hills Lakes)

_____ @\$7 if providing own transportation= \$ _____

_____ @ free student rate

(Subtract \$5 in registration fees for Sand Hills Discovery Foundation members) \$ _____

Total fees \$ _____

**Students under 18 may attend the Thursday events free of charge (except wksp #4) if accompanying an adult with paid registration.

Make checks payable to Sand Hills Discovery Foundation and mail to PO Box 444, Ainsworth, NE 69210.