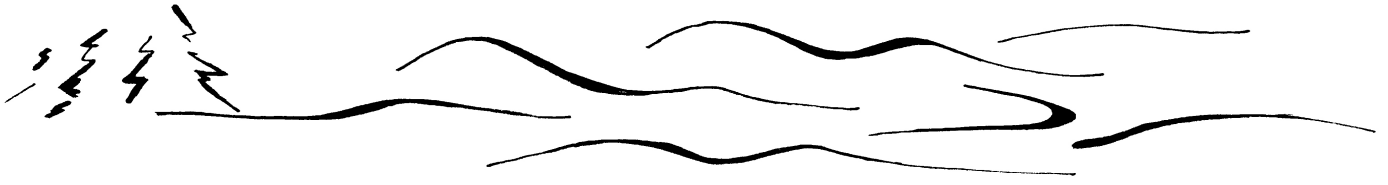


Sandhills Discovery Foundation



The Year of the Horse: Through the Ages

July 9-11, 2014

*Ainsworth High School
520 E. 2nd St., Ainsworth, NE*

The Sandhills Discovery Foundation welcomes you to the 13th annual Sandhills Discovery Experience. The Foundation also welcomes you to participate in guided tours of the Sand Hills area. Vendors and educational exhibits are available to enhance your experience.

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- 8:00-8:45 Registration and exhibit/vendor viewing in the high school commons and hallways. Continental breakfast.
- 8:45-9:00 Conference opens in the Learning Center with presentation of the colors by the **American Legion Junior Auxiliary**, a welcome by **Buddy Small**, Chairman of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, and an invocation by **Pastor Neva Murphy**, United Congregational Church of Christ.
- 9:00-9:50 ***“Stone Bones: Half-a-Million Years of Nebraska Horses.” Dr. Mike Voorhies, retired paleontologist, formerly at State Museum in Lincoln.***
- 9:50-10:20 Break time and snacks.
- 10:20-11:10 ***“Cowboys, Cavalry, and Cruelty at the End of the Frontier: The 1893 Chadron to Chicago Horse Race.” Dr. David Nesheim, Asst. Professor of History at Chadron State College.***
- 11:15-12:05 ***“Lakota Horse Culture.” Dr. Victor Douville, Lakota Studies Dept., Sinte Gleska University, Rosebud and Mission, South Dakota.***
- 12:10- 12:45 Lunch in school cafeteria (included with full day registration fee).
- 12:45 -1:15 **The Smith Family Band- Music that will make you tap your toes!**
- 1:20-2:10 ***“Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning.” Melissa Dearmont, Midwest Country Clinic, a local MH/SA outpatient facility.***
- 2:25-3:05 **Break-out Sessions**
- Session 1 – Shane Tucker – Fossil Identification.**
Session 2 – Dr. Victor Douville – Lakota Astronomy
Session 3 – H. Alan Day (via skype from Arizona) –Managing a Sandhills Sanctuary for Unadoptable Wild Horses.
- 3:05-3:35 Time to check out Vendors and Exhibitors in the Commons area and adjoining hallways.
- 3:40-4:30 ***“African/American Homesteaders and Cowboys of Nebraska.” Vicki Harris, Nebraska Humanities Council.***
- 4:30-5:00 **Final visit to exhibits and vendors.**



VENDORS: Plains Trading Company, Keys Canning and Crafts, Sandhills Goat Products, Schroder's Rock Shop, Ten Acre Woods, Biz Kids, L Lazy J Art.

EXHIBITORS: UN-L Prairie Chicken research project, BKR Extension Service 4-H Horse program, Nebraska Tourism Commission.

Pre and Post Conference Tours and Workshops

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

1. Fossil Dig 9:00am – 12:00pm Fee \$15.00 *Meet at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Bassett at 8:30am for carpooling.	This tour will visit a 6.6 million year old fossil dig north of Bassett. Shane Tucker, Highway Salvage Paleontologist, will assist participants to work the dig. <u>Tour is limited to 16 participants per session.</u>
2. Arena Tour 3:30-4:30pm Fee \$10.00 * Meet at the Ainsworth Community Center North parking lot at 3:15 pm for carpooling.	Sonya Walz will give a horsemanship demonstration including showing horses, tack, and the family/horse travel trailer.

Thursday, July 10, 2014

3. Chuck wagon Dinner and Horse Training Demonstration 6:00-8:00pm Fee \$20.00 for adults \$10.00 for age 12 and under *Meet at Brown County Fairgrounds in Johnstown.	Gary Stauffer, UN-L Extension Educator, will host a 4-H horse training demonstration by Sarah and Brittany Cole. Attendees will enjoy a delicious chuck wagon meal.
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Friday, July 11, 2014

4. Schemer Ranch Time 9:00am – 1:00pm Fee \$30.00 for adults \$10.00 for age 12 and under * Meet at the Ainsworth Community Center North parking lot at 8:00am for carpooling.	Kevin and Pam Schemer will host this tour of their ranch near Elsmere. We will see their facilities and how they train horses for rodeo performances. A lunch will be provided for tour attendees at the ranch. <u>Tour is limited to 25 participants.</u>
5. Fossil Dig 9:00am – 12:00pm Fee \$15.00 *Meet at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Bassett at 8:30am for carpooling.	This tour will visit a 6.6 million year old fossil dig north of Bassett. Shane Tucker, Highway Salvage Paleontologist, will assist participants to work the dig. <u>Tour is limited to 16 participants per session.</u>

Prepare for Your Sand Hills Discovery Experience Tour: Bring water/beverage; bug/tick spray; sun block; comfortable shoes/clothes, cap/hat. Be prepared for a "rough ride". Some tours require some walking.

General Information: These tours require conference registration in addition to cost of the tours. Return times are approximate. Tours are limited in size and will be filled on first come, first serve basis. **You are encouraged to carpool for the tours. The Sand Hills Discovery Foundation is not responsible for any mishaps during the conference or on the guided tours.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The **Ainsworth Public Schools** has once again offered the use of their facilities for this conference.

Ainsworth Senior Center furnishes the meeting place for the Sand Hills Discovery Foundation.

The **Ainsworth Chamber of Commerce** assists in registration and answering phone calls.

The **City of Ainsworth** furnishes the parking area for tour departures.

Wayne State College offers the college credit course option for this conference.



Humanities Nebraska (HN) provided major funding for the Harris presentation. HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the NE State Legislature, the NE Cultural Endowment and private donations.

We especially want to thank our **presenters and tour leaders who represent a variety of institutions**. They, of course, are the backbone to providing such a quality experience for all of the participants.

But most importantly, we wish to thank YOU, the participants at the 13th annual Sand Hills Discovery Experience.

Please make plans to attend the 14th annual Sandhills Discovery Experience in July 2015.

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