

Sandhills Discovery Foundation



Explore & Discover the Sandhills

Thursday, July 14, 2016

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

Presenters:

- David Nesheim – Lewis and Clark
- James Hanson – Fur Trading in the Sandhills
- Randy Kane – Military Expeditions in the Sandhills
- Kathy French – A Virtual Tour of UNL's Morrill Hall
- Nancy Gillis – Native Peoples in the Sandhills

Break-out Sessions:

- David Nesheim – Bison in Nebraska
- Shane Tucker – Fossil Identification

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.

15th Annual “Sandhills Discovery Experience” Schedule

8:00-8:45 am - 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

A block of rooms has been reserved until June 28th at the Ainsworth Rodeway Inn, 402-387-1050 and the Ainsworth Super 8 Motel, phone 402-387-0700. For other lodging or general information, call the Ainsworth Chamber of Commerce, 402-387-2740 or (866-387-2740 toll free).

Pre and Post Conference Tours

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

1. Fossil Dig

9:00am – 12:00pm

Fee \$10.00

*Meet at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Bassett at 8:45am for carpooling.

This tour will visit a 6.6 million year old fossil dig north of Bassett. Shane Tucker, UN-L Highway Salvage Paleontologist, will assist participants to work the dig. Tour is limited to 16 participants per session.

2. Niobrara Valley Preserve

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fee \$10.00

* Meet at the Ainsworth Community Center North parking lot at 1:15 pm for carpooling.

Experience nature in the Sandhills near the Niobrara River. This escorted tour will take you through the Niobrara Valley Preserve to view the prairie grasses, bison herd and other wildlife.

3. A Look at Sandhills Hides and Furs

3:00pm – 4:30pm

Fee \$10.00

* Meet at the Ainsworth Community Center North parking lot at 2:45 pm for carpooling.

Fred and Kitty Hagen, local taxidermists, will show a collection of hides and furs of Sandhills animals.

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4. Traditional Mountain Man

Re-enactment and Dinner at Meadville.

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Fee \$20.00 adults

\$10.00 12 and under

Allen Barager will demonstrate traditional muzzleloaders, knife and tomahawk throwing. This tour includes a catered meal at the Historic Meadville Store. ****Directions will be available at the conference.**

Friday, July 15, 2016

5. Ashfall State Historical Park

10:00am – 1:00pm

Fee \$15.00 (Park Permit included.)

* Meet at the Ainsworth Community Center North parking lot at 8:00am for carpooling.

Visit the 12 million year old Ashfall Fossil Beds near Royal, NE. This will be an opportunity to tour the site with Rick Otto, superintendent of the park. Dutch treat lunch at the nearby Green Gables Restaurant.

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General Information: Tours are held in conjunction with the Sandhills Discovery Experience and are limited to registered conference attendees. **As transportation is not provided, carpooling is encouraged.** Return times are approximate. Plan to bring necessary outdoors items, such as sunscreen, bug spray, sunglasses, hats, comfortable, sturdy shoes and a water bottle. Some tours are limited in size and will be filled on first come, first served basis.

SANDHILLS DISCOVERY REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

Pre-registration requested by July 1, 2016

Number adults attending _____ @ \$50 each (\$45 registration before 07/01/16) = \$ _____

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

Number adults attending _____ @ \$20 each for ½ day conference (Lunch not included) \$ _____

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

Number attending Tour #2 _____ @ \$10 each adult = \$ _____
(Niobrara Valley Preserve)
_____ @ Free student rate

Number attending Tour #3 _____ @ \$10 each adult = \$ _____
(Hides and Furs)
_____ @ Free student rate

Number attending Tour #4 _____ @ \$20 each adult = \$ _____
(Mountain Man demo w/ dinner)
_____ @ \$10 student rate = \$ _____

Number attending Tour #5 _____ @ \$15 each adult = \$ _____
(Ashfall Fossil Beds)
_____ @ Free student rate

Number attending Tour #6 _____ @ \$10 each adult = \$ _____
(Friday Fossil Dig)
_____ @ Free student rate

(Subtract \$5 if a Sand Hills Discovery Foundation member) \$ _____

Total fees \$ _____

**Students under 18 may attend the all events free of charge (except tour #4) when accompanying an adult with paid registration.

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**Make checks payable to Sandhills Discovery Foundation and mail to PO Box 444,  
Ainsworth, NE 69210**

