

Sandhills Discovery Foundation



WESTWARD HO! Thursday, July 11, 2019

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

****** Again This Year! Full Day of Activities for young people aged 10-15!**
Plant and Animal ID, Explore Wagon Train Tracks, Indian Artifacts display, have fun trying to Escape from the Museum, Learn about Fossil Horses. Hours: 8am-4pm.
Continental Breakfast and lunch included.

**Free to youth who register with a paid adult or \$10 if unaccompanied-must register.

Presenters:

- **Dr. David Nesheim – How Nebraska Became a State**
- **Dr. Jason Combs – Early Open Range Cattle Ranching in Nebraska**
- **Elizabeth Kiplinger – Prairie Plants**
- **Aaron Young – Ogallala Aquifer**

Break-out Sessions:

- **Bill Lentz – Federal Funding in Settling Nebraska**
- **Shane Tucker – Evolution of Horses**
- **Brenda Goeken – Keeping Bees**

18th Annual “Sandhills Discovery Experience” Schedule

8:00-8:45am - Registration and continental breakfast

Fee: \$40 (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

12:00-1:25 - Lunch (included with full day registration)

1:30-4:30 - Presentations continue.

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.

More information at www.sandhillsdiscovery.org

For lodging or general information, call: Linda Alberts – 402-273-4347 or 402-760-0163
Carolyn Hall- 402-822-0439 or 402-684-3417

Pre and Post Conference Tours

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

1. Fossil Dig 9:00am-12:00pm Fee \$15.00

**Meet at the Rock County Fair Grounds in Bassett at 8:45 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 1:15pm-4:45pm Fee \$5.00

**Meet at the Ainsworth Conference Center North parking lot 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.

Thursday, July 11, 2019

3. Supper with Shane Tucker 6:30 - ? Fee \$25.00

** Will be held at Joe and Betty Nelson's home. Directions will be available.*

Shane will entertain us with stories of his experiences while exploring fossils in Nebraska. A catered supper is included.

Friday, July 12, 2019

4. Fossil Dig 9:00am-12:00pm Fee \$15.00

**Meet at the Rock County Fair Grounds in Bassett at 8:45 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.

5. Sinte Gleska University Tour 8:00am-4:00pm Fee \$40.00

**Meet at the Ainsworth Conference Center North parking lot for carpooling.*

This is a unique opportunity to have an escorted tour of Sinte Gleska University on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. We will also learn about Spotted Tail, a Brule Sioux Chief who became one of the most important individuals in the Northern Plains. Lunch is included.

6. Scenic Tour of Brown County 8:30am-10:30am Fee \$5.00

**Meet at the Ainsworth Conference Center North parking lot for carpooling.*

This tour will visit cattle feedlots, irrigation canals with water from Merritt Dam, and Main Street in Johnstown ('O Pioneers' film site). We will travel south into the Sandhills and visit a pasture showing cedar tree removal by controlled burn and view prairie hay harvest.

•••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, and comfortable, sturdy shoes.** Some tours are limited in size and will be filled on a 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, 2019

Number adults attending _____ @ \$40 each\$ _____

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

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

Full Day Youth Activities _____ @ free with paid adult

_____ @ \$10.00 if unaccompanied \$ _____

Number attending Tour #1 _____ @ \$15 each adult = \$ _____
(Wed. Fossil Dig)

_____ @ Free student rate

Number attending Tour #2 _____ @ \$5 each adult = \$ _____
(Niobrara Preserve)

_____ @ Free student rate

Number attending Tour #3 _____ @ \$25.00 each adult = \$ _____
(Supper with Shane Tucker)

_____ @ \$10.00 student rate

Number attending Tour #4 _____ @ \$15 each adult = \$ _____
(Fri. Fossil Dig)

_____ @ Free student rate

Number attending Tour #5 _____ @ \$40 each adult = \$ _____
(Sinte Gleska)

_____ @ \$10 student rate

Number attending Tour #6 _____ @ \$5 each adult = \$ _____
(Tour of Brown County)

_____ @ Free student rate

Total fees \$ _____

**Students under 18 may attend the all events free of charge (except tour #3) 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.**

