Hi everyone,

Good meeting today! We had an awesome field trip last week to the coast, featuring huge waves and a fire that FINALLY got going. A reminder – deposits for the Grand Canyon trip are due by this Friday at 3 PM. Please either drop off your deposit at the front office of Cascade building with Shari, or contact Ryan Seward at ryan.seward@gmail.com or at 503-961-4487.

Sunset Bay Trip: If you went on the trip last weekend, please pay Brian $14 by next week to cover tents and food.

Paleontology Exhibit: At 3 PM this Friday (2/5/10) the geology club is going to go check out the new paleontology exhibit at the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History. We’ll meet at 3 PM on the front steps of Volcanology. UO Students are free with ID! General admission is $3.

Grand Canyon Trip: The final cost estimate per person is $210. After we have the final count from deposits at the end of this week, Dave will ask the department if they would be willing to help sponsor the trip. Since it looks like we won’t need our third group permit, we’ll have an extra night on the rim of the Grand Canyon to do some hiking and prepare for the grand descent!

Opportunities in Geoscience: Emilie Hooft will be giving an informal lunchtime presentation on opportunities in the geosciences at 1 PM on Friday February 19 in Cascade 200 (conference room). This is a great chance to learn about what you can actually DO with your love for rocks besides hoarding them in your apartment!

Bake Sale: We have another bake sale coming up on Thursday, February 18th. Let me know if you want to help out with this!

FIG TA: Dave Blackwell is looking for a geology student to be a FIG TA for his Oregon Outdoors FIG. As a FIG TA, you would teach a one-hour class once a week, and go on one overnight field trip to the coast with the FIG. You get paid $500 for the quarter. You would need to take a one credit course in the spring that teaches you how to be a TA. This is a great way to enjoy geology and earn money, and it also opens the door to becoming a full RA (tuition paid, dorm paid!). Tracy Terrall was the FA last year; he’s a great resource if you want to know what the job was like! If you are interested, contact Amy Giard at agiard@uoregon.edu to set up an interview, and let Dave (blackwel@uoregon.edu) know you are applying.
Soil Talk: Hanalei Rozen of Brattain Elementary school is still interested in having some geology club folks come out and dig a hole with her students and talk about soil horizons and what Eugene/Springfield has in its dirt. The gardening days are Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:45 to 4:40 (the whole class is assembled at 3:50). The program runs from February 16 until March 18 and then again from April 6 until June 10. I’m going to email to ask her how many people she wants coming how many times. Let me know if you are interested in this!

Haiti: The UO Geology club was able to donate approximately $60 to Partners in Health to benefit victims of the Haiti earthquake. Many thanks to all who donated!

T-shirts: Brian has finally been able to develop a design suitable for printing that a) is full of geology awesomeness and b) doesn’t require us to pay any extra fees.... We voted to make the shirts green with yellow ink, what shade green will require looking into what shades the t-shirt company (Triangle Graphics) has available.

Website: The website is UP!! If you google search “UO Geology Club” you’ll get a 404 error page, but if you type in “uoregon.edu/~undogs”, you’ll see our INCREDIBLE website! Many thanks to Aili!

End of Term Pancake Breakfast: We’re planning on doing another end of term pancake breakfast to thank the faculty and grad students for a great term! We have NO shortage of pancake mix after the trip to Sunset Bay! Hopefully this time we won’t break a fuse...... :)

Hope to see a bunch ’o you for the museum this Friday! Have a good week!

~Patricia