Welcome back everyone!

From all accounts, the trip to the Grand Canyon was an awesome and spectacular success! And we’re not done yet – Brian is making a documentary of the Grand Canyon trip, complete with interviews of the participants. He asks that everyone who went on the trip send him their top 30 photos, preferably photos with smiling geologists! When he is finished, we’ll watch his masterpiece at one of our meetings and revel in the awesomeness that is Geology Club.

But the term is yet young, and we have lots ahead! Here are some upcoming events and things to keep in mind:

**Rocks:** Bring rocks from random places next week to look at in club next week! Share your hoards with the world!

**Pancake Breakfast:** What better way to thank the faculty and grad students for all their help but with pancakes? We’ll be holding our belated-end-of-term pancake breakfast on the Friday of the second week of term, Friday April 9 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Brian will try to get donated coffee from Starbucks again. Come help flip pancakes (hopefully this time WITHOUT blowing a fuse...) and just socialize!

**Recruitment:** This is our last chance to introduce new people to the amazingness of geology club before a whole bunch of us graduate! At the meeting we figured out who would cover each class. If you are planning on speaking, let your professor know ahead of time; the best time to speak would probably be week 2 or 3. Also, ask your professor if they would be willing to send out an email to the class advertising geology club. I’ll have copies of fliers in the club room by Friday for you to distribute. Thank to anyone who’s helping!

**Community Outreach:**
Soil Talk: Hanalei Rozen of Brattain Elementary School in Springfield runs a gardening class for elementary school students, and she would like to have 2 or 3 people come out to one of her classes and look at soil profiles around the school grounds. This would be (weather permitting) on April 15th from about 3:20 to 4:20. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in doing this!
Sammy will have handouts next week detailing all of his great ideas for community outreach opportunities. Stay tuned!

**Bake Sale:** We will probably hold a bake sale on week 3 or so, date to be determined, to help pay for the t-shirts. In addition to baked goods, we might also be able to sell – by donation only – some of the department’s excess rock samples. And possibly add to our own personal hoards.... :)

**Mt. St. Helens:** The 30th Anniversary of the Mt. St. Helens eruption on May 18 is coming soon! Kathy Cashman wants to turn Volcanology into a public exhibit on the eruption, so be thinking of ideas for this. Molly is in charge of planning this – email any
ideas to her at mkeogh@uoregon.edu, or just bring them to club! Also, Tracy is thinking of climbing Mt. St. Helens for the anniversary, so talk to him if you’re interested.

**Movie Night:** It has determined that we should ressurrect movie night! Thus far, it looks like Tuesday nights are best; email me what times are good for you.

**Spring Term Trips:**

**Debris Flume Trip:** I’ve been in contact with Dick Iverson of the USGS, who runs experiments at a debris flume in the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest in the Cascades. For those of you who haven’t heard of this, the debris flume is essentially this giant concrete chute rigged out with sensors where they dump different mixtures of water and sediment to simulate debris flows. Dick has said we could come and view the experiments they are running on Tuesday May 25th and Thursday May 27th between 11 AM and 6 PM. This would be during a school day, but would be an AMAZING opportunity to see super cool geoscience up close (but not too close....). Let me know ASAP if you are interested in coming!

**Ryan’s House:** After week 3 we might plan a trip out to Ryan’s neck of the woods, hanging out at his house for awhile and checking out his rocks. More details to follow.

**Sun River:** Tracy proposed renting a beach house at Sun River and just having a fun weekend with club members and the local rocks. If we got 10-12 people it would be around $40 a person.

**Prineville Trip:** Last year Allison’s friend Carrie Gordon of the Forest Service led us on an awesome field trip around the relatively recently discovered Prineville Caldera, and this year she is again eager to show us around the nearby Wildcat Caldera and take us to see a really cool landslide. This would probably happen in later spring, when more snow melts, and we would camp Friday night, field trip Saturday, and come back Saturday night.

**Memorial Day:** Tracy is also thinking of doing a backpacking trip in Northern California during Memorial Day weekend. More details later!

**Elections:** We’ll be holding elections for next year’s officers on week 6 or 7 – be thinking if you want to run for a position!

It was so awesome to see everyone again, and I hope EVERYONE had a great spring break. See you next week!

~Patricia