Hi everyone!

Awesome to see so many people today! Almost standing room only. Great to see some new people, too. Anyone is welcome to show up for a meeting anytime – we love to have you! A reminder – our meeting next week will be in Cascade 200, the conference room, as Sammy will be giving a talk about the tectonic environment of Baja California surrounding the recent 7.2 earthquake.

And now....

You know, one of these days I’m just going to stick a moose graphic in right here. (This will do in the interim: http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/mon-april-19-2010/volcanolypse-2010)

Until then, however, THE MINUTES!!! *wild cheering and applause*

Department Frisbee Team – the Supervolcanoes have a game this Friday at 4 PM! If you want to join the team, you still can, just email Mike Darin at mhd@uoregon.edu and he’ll tell you how to sign up online. Act fast if you want to join in this Friday’s game, however – you need to be registered 24 hours in advance to play.

Bake Sale – We’re having a bake sale on this Tuesday, May 4 from 9 until 2 ish. Bring baked goods to the club room before 9 AM on Tuesday, and if you have to bring things after that just bring them to the bake sale table at the Duck Store. There will be a copy of the sign up sheet in the club room and at the table so you can know who’s taking the shift after you and so on. Also, we’ve had a request for some gluten free items, so if you have the know-how get creative! Happy baking!

Mt. St. Helens Stuff:
Mt. St. Helens Lecture – Also on May 4, Kathy Cashman, our department head, is giving a talk about Mt. St. Helens at 7 PM in room 175 of the Knight Law Building. She’s something of an expert.... you won’t regret coming!
Mount St Helens Trip: Kathy Cashman is leading a day long field trip to Mt. St. Helens on May 15th to commemorate the 30 year anniversary of the 1980 eruption. The department is paying, so this trip is FREE, and there are 9 slots. Email Brian (bleonard@uoregon.edu) if you want to go!
Mt. St. Helens Celebration: On May 18 at 8:32 AM (the time of the 1980 eruption) there shall be diet coke and mentos and much carousing out in front of the Volcanology building! We’re also going to turn the lower floor of Volcanology into an exhibit on Mt. St. Helens. If you are interested in helping out with this, email Brian or Molly (mkeogh@uoregon.edu). We’ll be having a meeting on Tuesday, May 4 at 4 PM or so in the club room (Volcanology 202) to get things rolling.

Ochoco Trip: We decided on going on May 7 and 8, although unfortunately Carrie will not be able to join us on the trip. However, Allison knows the Ochocos like the back of her hand and the Forest Service has a very good tour guide publication, so it should still
be an awesome trip! We’ll be renting a 12 passenger van, leaving Friday afternoon, camping Friday night, and coming back Saturday afternoon/evening. We had a head count of 8 or 9 people at the club meeting – if you want to go let Allison (alent@uoregon.edu) know as soon as possible!

Community Outreach:
Emerald Valley Assisted Living Center: Talks at the EVAL will be going on the next two weeks. If you are presenting, good luck!
John Serbu Youth Camp: Still trying to figure out timing issues, but still sounds like it will happen.
University Day: The university is letting us use a power washer to clean Cascade Charley on University Day (May 13th). If you are interested in helping out with this, contact Sammy at scaston1@uoregon.edu so he can give you the details on training for using the power washer.
Camas Ridge Elementary School: This event has been postponed, but will still happen eventually. This would be a 15 minute talk for the 1st grade and a 45 minutes talk for the 3rd grade.
Junction High School: Next week Sammy and I are going out to Junction City High School next week on Tuesday and Thursday to give talks on black smokers and sulfide deposits.
Sammy is working on setting up a field trip with the Eugene Free School, and Dave informed us that Cottage Grove Alternative High School wants us to do something with them for next year.

FIG assistant needed: Dave Blackwell is 95% certain he’ll be teaching a sophomore FIG next year, and is looking for an assistant who will be a junior or senior next year. It pays $500 for the term and requires some training in the fall. He’ll be solidifying things in the next three weeks or so, so shoot him an email at blackwel@uoregon.edu if you’re interested!

Fossil Preparation: Are you interested in learning how to prepare a fossil for study and collection? Greg Retallack recently found a bird fossil on the Oregon coast, apparently one of only 5 of its kind, and he and Edward Davis need help removing the fossil from the matrix. Contact Greg Retallack (gregr@uoregon.edu) or Edward Davis (edavis@uoregon.edu) if you are interested.

Baja California: On Easter Sunday this year there was a magnitude 7.2 magnitude earthquake that cause a surface rupture with a maximum of 2 meters offset. Ray Weldon got funding to bring 10 people from his surveying class to go down and survey the fault. Sammy will be giving a talk next week about the tectonic environment of Baja California and their field work. We’ll be meeting in Cascade 200 for his presentation.

Distinguished Scholarships Talk: At some point I’d like to give a talk on what I’ve learned about the distinguished scholarships available at UO. Haven’t decided when just yet – stay tuned.
Death Valley – By the survivor accounts (actually, even though they went to Death Valley surprisingly few people got dead) the Death Valley trip was intensely tiring but also intensely AWESOME. If you've got pictures, share them with the club!

T-shirts: We still got some left! Only larges, I'm afraid, but Brian recommends getting a large and framing it because they're just that awesome.

Furniture: Anyone got any spare furniture they need to get rid of? We are starting to hurt for places to sit at our meetings! I'm thinking folding chairs, or really just anything, would be much appreciated.

Movie night: We had our first movie night tonight at Brian's place! We watched the incredibly intense film Touching the Void, a gripping film about survival in the face of impossible odds. We were literally all clenched up for the entire film. It was intense. Movie night will happen again next week on Wednesday at 8 PM!

Have a good week, and see you all next week!

~Patricia