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Upcoming Field Trips

Moab, UT - April 21 - 22, 2012

Leader: Richard Jenkinson rcjenkinson@yahoo.com or 435-259-3300

We will meet on Saturday at 8:00 AM at the Moab Information Center at Center and Main.

Saturday we will go to Seven Mile Canyon and see several sites there, including the Intestine Man and the Snake-in-Mouth panels. In mid-afternoon, those who are willing to do a moderate to strenuous hike can go to a site in upper Hell Roaring Canyon. The main panel there is often called the Comet Catcher.

On Sunday we will do a day long moderate hike into upper Mill Creek to see several panels of petroglyphs.

Be prepared with appropriate footwear, sunscreen, camera, lunch, and plenty of water. Group size will be limited to 10.

Green River, UT - May 5 - 6, 2012

Leader: Troy Scotter troyscotter@gmail.com or 801-377-6901 and **Oscar Olson**

Troy and Oscar are going to tag team this field trip. Oscar will make sure we find the sites and Troy will manage the administrative issues. Our intent is to visit sites near Green River. Time permitting we hope to include Three Fingers, Black Dragon, Coal, Stubb, and Tusher Canyons. There is a first come-first served camping area along the river which we will try to utilize but can't guarantee. There is also ample hotel space in Green River.

High clearance vehicles are required. Four wheel drive may be necessary in one short section. We will attempt to carpool. Please let Troy know what kind of vehicle you have. There should not be extensive hiking associated with these sites although some short scrambles will be necessary.

Group size will be limited to 12 people. Contact Troy.

Kanab, UT - May 30 - 31, 2012

Leader: Joe Brame urara.joe.brame@gmail.com or 801-993-4007

Just after the ARARA conference in Saint George, UT, we will visit several difficult to reach rock art sites in the Kanab area. Temperatures range from 44°F at night to 79°F during the day at the end of May.

We will meet on Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 AM at the Grand Staircase Escalante-National Monument (GSENM) Visitor Center on the East side of Kanab, at 745 E. Highway 89, Kanab, UT, 84741.

Wednesday we hike to the Mansard petroglyph site in the Vermillion Cliffs. This hike will involve a strenuous five-mile round trip, ascending more than 1000 feet to an outcrop of Navajo sandstone. The route to this site covers steep, uneven terrain, and requires some scrambling to negotiate a seven-foot sandstone ledge.

Thursday we hike to Kanab Point petroglyph site in the Vermillion Cliffs. This hike will involve another strenuous five-mile round trip, ascending more than 1000 feet to a site with dinosaur tracks, petroglyphs, and pictographs. The route to this site covers steep, uneven terrain, and requires some scrambling.

Be prepared with appropriate footwear, hiking pole, sunscreen, camera, lunch, and plenty of water. We will carpool to the sites. Group size will be limited to 12.

2012 ARARA Conference

By Jeff Allen

The American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA) will hold its annual conference in St George during Memorial Day Weekend (May 25-28, 2012). ARARA officers will be working with members of URARA and the Dixie Archaeological Society (DAS) to make local arrangements. Fieldtrips will be held in many locations throughout the area: Gold Butte, St George, Cedar City, Zion National Park, and Arizona Strip. More information is available on the ARARA website (www.arara.org). About 250 people are expected to attend, according to Donna Gillette, conference chairperson. The pre-registration deadline is April 22, 2012.

2013 IFRAO Conference

By Jeff Allen

The American Rock Art Research Association will host the 2013 International Rock Art Congress in Albuquerque, New Mexico from May 26 through May 31, 2013. There will be four days of presentations and one day of fieldtrips. The theme "Ancient Hands Around the World" is designed to bring together the diverse interests of the many people who study and work to conserve pictographs and petroglyphs throughout the world. About a thousand people are expected to attend. There will be special cultural events throughout the week including evening lectures, dances by Pueblo groups, and vendor offerings of rock art related merchandise.

Leakey Foundation Lecture featuring Jean Clottes

By Troy Scotter

The Leakey Foundation will be sponsoring a lecture in Salt Lake City with Jean Clottes. Jean is well known for his pioneering work in the paleolithic caves of France. It will be held Thursday evening April 26th at the lecture auditorium at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts at the University of Utah from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. The lecture is planned as free admission but seating is limited. Please follow up on the Leakey Foundation website or with the Museum for more details.

USAS Symposium

By Darrell and Marty Thomas

The Trail of the Ancients Chapter is hosting the USAS convention on June 8 and 9 in Blanding. Friday will consist of half to full day field trips with a dinner and speaker in the evening. Some fieldtrips will hit rock art and some ruins. With BLM stipulation we will limit the size of each field trip. Saturday morning we will visit sites close to Blanding returning for afternoon lectures and ending with a dinner. The registration will be online at USAS's web site: www.utaharchaeology.org.

URARA Calendar

A calendar of events has been added to the URARA website at www.utahrockart.org.

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