

CSUN 50th anniversary Field Frolic

**Owens Valley, CA
August 20-23, 2008**

In order to help the CSUN celebrate its 50th anniversary, the Geological Sciences Department invites you to join fellow alumni, current students and faculty, and selected FOD's (Friends of the Department) for a fun-filled geo-journey through eastern California from the northern Mojave Desert to the Mammoth Lakes area. We will visit numerous areas of geologic interest, focusing mostly on stops where CSUN students and faculty have made important contributions to our knowledge of the region.

Our overnight headquarters will be at Camp Inyo, a pleasant county-run facility 2 miles west of the town of Big Pine, in the central Owens Valley. It features large shade trees, wide lawns for Frisbee and such, sleeping dorms, shower rooms, and a community dining and meeting room. A cook will prepare breakfasts for us and set out do-it-yourself lunch fixings. A professional cook and/or food service will be engaged to provide excellent dinners. Our evenings will be spent schmoozing, reminiscing, watching "slide" shows depicting field trips and field classes of yesteryear, etc.

The logistics of the trip will be designed for maximum flexibility, so as to encourage maximum participation. You say you can only join us for part of the trip? Fine, just let us know your arrival and departure dates. Can only come if you can bring your family? Fine, just let us know and we will try to accommodate them! Want to drive your own vehicle rather than travel in State-provided vans? Fine, and even better if you have an extra seat or two with which to provide transport for some of our group. Too old and/or spoiled to stay in dorm accommodations? There is room to park your campers/RV's on the camp grounds, but no hookups. Additionally, there are motels available in Big Pine, just 2 miles away.

If you can only join us for part of the trip, try to make it include Friday evening, August 22, which we have designated as alumni day. Friday evening we plan to take a group photo and present the "field trips of yesteryear" slide show.

How much will this fantabulous excursion cost, you ask? We believe we can keep the costs down to \$20/day/participant. No excuses for non-participation there!

-George Dunne



Let us know if you think you can join us!

Please email the department secretary, Mari Flores (mari.flores@csun.edu), sooner than later if you provisionally think you might join us. A firm commitment date will be established for sometime this coming summer. If you need further information before you can decide, feel free to email George Dunne (gcdunne@dslextreme.com), Gene Fritsche (a.eugene.fritsche@csun.edu), or Doug Yule (j.d.yule@csun.edu).