

June Update
CSUN 50th Anniversary
Geological Sciences Alumni Reunion and 26th Fall Field Frolic
Owens Valley Region, August 20-23, 2008

Greetings! Plans are proceeding for our fabulously fun-filled Fall Field Frolic (F⁶) in the Owens Valley region this coming August 20-23; don't miss out!! Recall from our first snail mailing/emailing* this past spring that we will be visiting numerous locations of geologic interest from the northern Mojave Desert to the Mammoth Lakes region, with many stops focusing on discoveries made by CSUN students and faculty. Our overnight headquarters on August 20, 21, and 22 will be at Bernasconi Education Center, a county facility just west of Big Pine, California. The fee is \$100 (\$25/day) – prorated if you can only join us part of the time – and pays for lodging, transport, and food (with delicious catered dinners, yummy options for make-your-own lunches, and scrumptious breakfasts prepared by alumna and chef extraordinaire Natasha Galvez and student/faculty sous chefs). The slight cost increase from earlier trip announcements will help defray higher fuel and food prices.

Approximately 60 alumni, faculty members, current students, and FOD's (Friends of the Department) have signed up so far, but we have room for more (we hope to surpass attendance at the 40th Anniversary celebration when about 75 people came). We encourage you to 'twist arms' of former classmates to get them to come along; a prize will be awarded to the best-represented class. Please sign up now so that we can start firming up your commitments to participate in the trip, as well as to learn what your transportation and lodging needs/interests are.

So, please provide us with the following if you are planning on participating:

- 1) To reserve a confirmed space on the trip, mail or otherwise deliver to Mari Flores, Department Secretary, a deposit of \$25. Please do this by **July 15**. Make checks payable to "CSUN Foundation" and put "fall field frolic" on memo line. This deposit will be refundable to you up to August 1 if you can't make the trip. It is nonrefundable thereafter. We will accept later trip reservation deposits, up to but no later than **August 1**, on a space available basis. We will try to accommodate all who wish to go, but alumni and current students at CSUN have first priority.
- 2) Please communicate to Mari your likely mode of travel. We will use a mix of University and rented vans to transport folks on the trip. If you prefer to caravan with us in your personal vehicle, please let us know so we don't overbook the rental vans. If you have comfortable space for an extra person or two in your personal vehicle that you would be willing to share, please let Mari know that as well. If you want to meet us at Big Pine, let Mari know that too.
- 3) Please communicate to Mari your intended sleeping arrangements. Recall that the basic trip fee of \$25/day includes a bed in either the men's or women's dorm at the camp, as appropriate. Alternatively, there is some space at the outskirts of the camp for you to park an RV. Another alternative is to sleep at one of the three motels in Big Pine, 2 miles from camp (contact info for motels is available from Mari Flores upon request).
- 4) If you have your own transportation and can only join us for part of the trip, please let Mari know which days/nights you will be with us. We hope that you can be with us the evening of Friday, August 22. We expect to have a slide show, tell tall tales about our field experiences in 'the good old days', and take a group photo then.

*If you have misplaced or did not receive the first mailing for this trip and would like more logistical details, please contact Mari Flores in the Department office (mari.flores@csun.edu)