



UTAH FRIENDS OF PALEONTOLOGY
14TH ANNUAL MEETING
March 18 – 20, 2005
St. George, Utah



The Utah Friends of Paleontology Annual Meeting will be held March 18-20 in St. George. This year's meeting will celebrate the opening (early 2005) of the first phase of the **St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm**. The site is a work-in-progress as exhibits are not fully completed. Long-range plans include additional buildings to display and protect many of the 200-195 million year old tracks and fossils first discovered in late February 2000. Discoveries at this site thus far include over 1000 *Eubrontes* and *Grallator* (theropod dinosaur) tracks, sauropod (oldest record of them in North America by some 40 million years) and crocodylian footprints, theropod dinosaur swim tracks (most extensive and best preserved collection in the world), tail drags and a rare squatting dinosaur trace that includes hand impressions and a tail drag. The site is a working quarry with a large area within the building yet to be excavated.

The UFOP meeting is scheduled to follow an international professional paleontologists' symposium to be held in St. George at Dixie State College from March 14-16. The focus of the conference is: Tracking Dinosaur Origins: The Triassic/Jurassic Terrestrial Transition. More information about this event can be found at: <http://cactus.dixie.edu/jharris/TDO.pdf> or call Dr. Jerry Harris at (435) 652-7758.

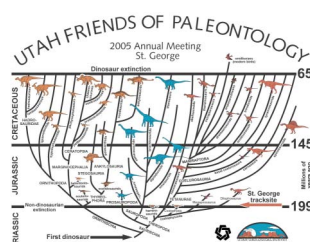
In addition there is a paleo art show entitled "The Beginning of the Age of Dinosaurs" that will be on exhibit from February through June. The show will be hosted by the Pioneer Center for the Arts in St. George. For more information contact Gary Sanders, Community Arts and Exhibits Administrator, City of St. George, Pioneer Center for the Arts, 47 East 200 North, St. George, Utah 84770 (435) 634-5942 ext. 16 artadm@infowest.com.

This year's T-shirt design is by Sheila Hughes (front) and Jim Kirkland (back). The shirts will be Vegas Gold (a soft yellow-gold) with 6-color screening.

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BACK



Make your lodging reservations early!! Spring is a busy time in the St. George area. Other nearby communities with lodging include Washington (5-10 minutes from the Discovery Site), Hurricane (15-20 minutes) and Mesquite, NV (40-45 minutes). March daytime temperatures average 52°F, but it is possible to approach 70°F. Nighttime temperatures average 40°F.

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Annual Meeting Schedule

Friday March 18

St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm, 2200 E. Riverside Drive

- 1:00 PM Utah Professional Paleontologists' Meeting
- 5:30 PM Registration and tour of the Dinosaur Discovery Site
- 6:30 PM Proceed to Fossil Ridge Intermediate School northwest and across the street from the Discovery Site.

Fossil Ridge Intermediate School, 383 S. Mall Dr., Main Entrance

Dessert will be served

- 6:45 PM Welcome and Introductions
- 7:00 PM Poster Session
- 8:30 PM State Board Meeting

Saturday March 19

Fossil Ridge Intermediate School, 383 S. Mall Dr, Main Entrance

Mid-morning snacks will be available

- 7:45 AM Late registration
- 8:00 AM State Membership Business Meeting
- 9:00 AM Presentation of papers and continuation of Poster Session

12 NOON Break; pick up box lunches to eat on the road

12:30 PM Field trip – leave from the school. We will look at the Miocene-Pliocene Muddy Creek Formation in the area of Mesquite, Nevada; then travel North on I-15 through the Virgin River Gorge to look at Paleozoic rocks ranging from Cambrian to Permian; and finish up in the St. George area to look at Lower-Middle Triassic Moenkopi Formation.

St. George Elk's Lodge, 630 W. 1250 North (adjacent to the Dixie Red Hills Golf Course)

- 6:30 PM Pre-banquet social – no-host bar available
- 7:00 PM Banquet
- 8:00 PM Keynote speaker (To be announced).

Sunday March 20

8:30 AM Field trip – meet at the Dinosaur Discovery Site. This all-day trip will be to collect Lower and Middle Cambrian trilobites from the Pioche and Chisholm Shales in Pioche Mining District, Lincoln County, Nevada. Additional stops will include Newcastle Columbian Mammoth site, and Miocene-Pliocene Panaca Formation mammal localities. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are recommended. Bring a geology hammer and other collecting gear. You may want to bring newspaper and plastic bags for packing fossils that you collect. Finally, be prepared with a hat, sunscreen and water. It could be warm – then again, it could snow!

Please Note:

Weather permitting, an additional field trip to the Cedar City-Parowan area has been planned for Thursday, March 17, to look at Lower Triassic to Upper Cretaceous formations, particularly dinosaur track sites in the Upper Cretaceous Iron Springs Formation. Other sites to visit will include an Early Triassic ammonite locality in the Timpoweap Member of the Moenkopi Formation. It is a steep hike up to the site and ammonites can be collected. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are recommended. Bring a geology hammer and other collecting gear. You may want to bring newspaper and plastic bags for packing fossils that you collect. Be prepared with food, hat, sunscreen and water. If you are interested in this field trip, please contact one of the Southwestern Chapter officers.