

Stony Mountain, Manitoba

April or May? 2008

Depending on weather and schedule, to be arranged, probably week day.

To collect fossils (brachiopods, corals - horn and honeycomb pieces) for the Mineral Society of Manitoba's collector cards

If any member has any smaller coral fossils from this locality, that they do not need, please let us know.

, Jack Bauer at 632-6934

- 1. Gold Trip, the old Sunbeam Mine,
Near Star Lake, this trip is subject to pre trip confirmation.
We hope to have a date finalized by our next newsletter publication.
? June or July 2008**

Here the gold is associated with quartz veins. This is a good locality to study how the rocks change from black volcanic to white gold bearing quartz intrusive. *This trip is one of the stops on the ED GEO course put on by the U of M in their Geology courses.* With a little luck, and a good quality metal detector, the possibility of finding VG is good but not guaranteed. I will confirm this trip, after a pre-trip to determine accessibility. We may need a key for a gate and a Park Pass. Eye protection may be necessary for this trip and bring a lunch.

For more information please contact Gary or Sherri Henes at 275-7883 or Jack Bauer at 632-6934.

- 2. Red River Floodway
Selenites -5 to 15 Days?
*Date to be determined, July? This is generally the driest month of the year.***

Jack Bauer has been in contact with Daryl Harvey, Vice President of Operations, with the Floodway Authority. Her interest was positive and said she would support us. She will do what she can, to make our field trip happen this year. Daryl is also aware that these Selenite crystals are rare and World Famous.

Before this trip can happen, Daryl Harvey will find out if the Contractors have relinquished control and responsibility to the Floodway authority. We also have hopes the contractors will identify any new out crops. Test holes will have to be dug, to determine if a locality is barren. When the locality is identified we will be given a 1-mile radius. Daryl Harvey reiterated she was very concerned about "Safety." There are inherent risks while collecting. I will explain. When the locality is identified by the tell tale white Gypsum spot. Test holes will then have to be dug. Close scrutiny may identify crushed Selenite crystals. The clay seam is then identified and followed, eventually into the bank. Dry clay from the bottom of Lake Agassis can be quite solid. But when it gets wet, it can become a safety issue. Rain will NOT be good on this trip. Shoring will have to be used below 6 feet. We may also have to identify the excavation with safety markers. We are there fore hoping, for a dry July. Then we can move ahead to the next step, which may involve a permit. If all goes well this trip could potentially provide a good PR opportunity for the clubs in Winnipeg.

*Tentative- **the Floodway**- those who are interested in this trip, please contact Mike Mirus at 783-7456, when an opportunity presents itself, you shall called and given details.

3. Thunder Bay, Ontario

This trip has been postponed, until further notice.

When I (Jack Bauer) spoke with Brian Bilcowski, he assured me, that the will was there, to have another Thunder Bay trip. Our friends in Thunder Bay are moving closer to their claim and must be very busy, as they have not yet contacted us. **Because of popular demand we will wait till our next newsletter to make a final decision on this trip.**

General Information and safety concerns about Field Trips

- If weather conditions become unfavourable, contact Field trip coordinator
 - Keep in touch, in case of unexpected changes
 - Advise Fieldtrip co-coordinator of any health conditions and concerns, eg. Poor hearing or allergies to bee stings.
 - Register in advance, for the field trips that request it.
 - Contact the field trip coordinator for more information or if your plans unexpectedly change.
 - Some field trips have limited spots available.
 - Be prepared to sign a liability waiver
 - Prior to every “in the field” portion of the trip please gather to the fieldtrip leader for information and safety concerns for site-specific areas.
 - If you are unfamiliar with the location or directions, please advise the field trip coordinator. We will provide a map or directions. Travel near the front of the line, as there is a less chance of being separated from the group.
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- **Safety equipment, When attending a field trip:**
 - - Protect yourself, bring and wear safety glasses and safety boots
 - - In Hard Rock country, pieces of rock can fly and hit you in the eye, when struck with a heavy hammer.
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- **Things to bring with you:**
 - - Lunch and drinking water
 - - Bug repellent and sunscreen
 - - Hammers and chisels
 - - Safety glasses, safety boots
 - - Field lens or magnifying glass
 - - Collecting bags and news paper/towels to protect your find
 - - Notebook (to record locations and geological notes)
 - - Camera, film, and your sense of adventure

Have Fun, be Safe and Good Luck on our 2008 Fieldtrip season.

