

February 23, 2009

Dear Teacher,

The U.S. Geological Survey Western Region Center in Menlo Park is having their Triennial Open House, May 15 – 17, 2009. Our previous Open House in 2006 drew about 10,000 people over a period of two days! **We are pleased to offer a Special Preview Day for school children, grades 2 – 8, on Friday May 15, 2009 from 10:30 AM to 2 PM.** On Friday, students and teachers will have the opportunity to talk with scientists and learn about the Earth through interactive displays and presentations. We will be scheduling classes for **self-guided** tours of exhibits on that day.

We expect a great response from schools for the May 15, 2009 preview, so we have established the following guidelines:

- **Requests to participate will be accepted until April 24, 2009 only.**
- **Grades 2-8 will be given priority on a 1st come, 1st serve basis.**
- **Requests must be received by e-mail at the address below (no phone calls please).**

Please remember that all students, teachers, and schools are welcome to come to the Open House on their own on Saturday and Sunday. It is only on Friday when we will need to limit the number of students attending the preview day. You will be notified whether or not your class was accepted.

To be added to our Preview Day list, please reply with the following information.

1. Teacher name:
2. Best way to reach you:
3. School name:
4. City:
5. Grade:
6. Number of Students:

Please indicate your top two target arrival times from the following list:

10:30 am – 10:45 am, 10:50 am – 11:05 am, 11:10 am – 11:25 am, 11:30 am – 11:45 am.

7. _____ My preferred time _____ My second choice

8. We would also like to know if there are content areas in which you are most interested. Your feedback will help our exhibitors fine tune their exhibits.

Please forward this letter to other teachers who might be interested.

Best regards,
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