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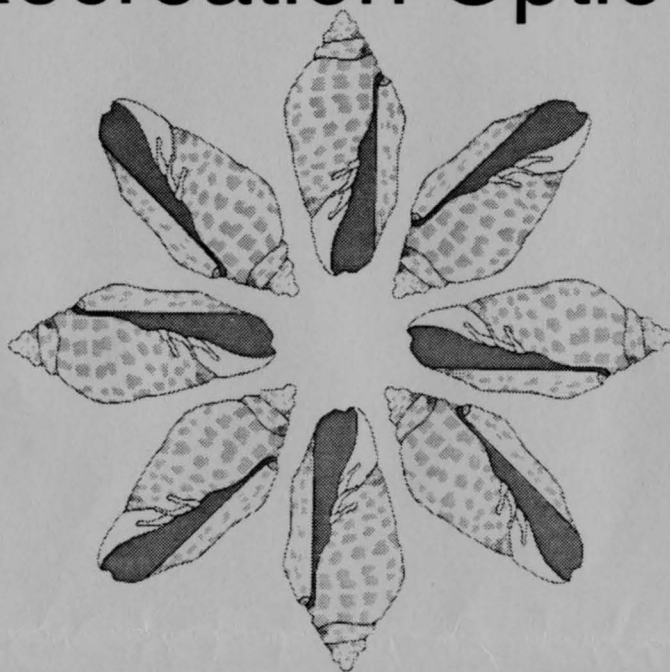
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Conference

Discussion, Sharing & Recreation Options



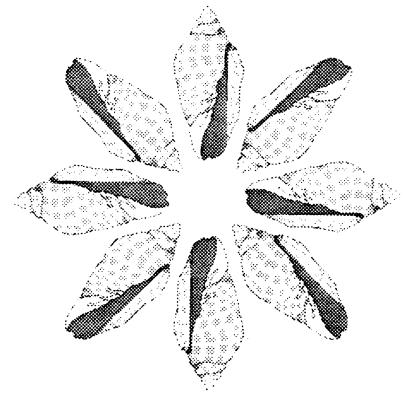
The Conference Planning Committee has put together an exciting and full program that includes some additional recreational activities – this will truly be a memorable conference!

The full conference program with all sessions indicated will be available at the conference. Some of the activities and recreational options require pre-registration in order to make final plans.

Please read the enclosed information and return the response form if you wish to pre-register for events of interest.

Saddlebrook Recreational Options

The 1992 POD Conference offers numerous recreational options for participants. The following descriptions are divided into YO-YO options and activities which require pre-registration. If you require additional information prior to making a decision, please contact Larry Quinsland at 716-475-6237.



You're On Your Own (YO-YO) Activities

- Hiking
- Biking (rental fee)
- Fitness Center (Nautilus, Biocycles, Stairmaster, free weights, massage, aerobic classes, steam and sauna rooms; Fee = \$2.00/day)
- Bass fishing (stocked lakes on grounds; Equipment Fee)
- Swimming (1/2 million gallon superpool + 2 others)
- Outdoor whirlpools
- Tennis (45 courts; Singles = \$12/court/hr., Doubles = \$16/court/hr.)

Pre-Registration Options (complete and return the Response Form)

On Saturday afternoon, in addition to program presentations, participants will have the following options:

- Guided Wilderness Canoe Trip
- YO-YO Wilderness Canoe Trip
- Florida Nature Experience
- Championship Golf
- Busch Gardens

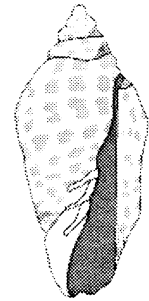
Guided Wilderness Canoe Trip

POD's Saddlebrook location offers a unique opportunity to those in attendance. We will be just minutes from the Lockcha-popka-chiska River (river where one crosses to eat acorns), which now supplies approximately 75% of Tampa's drinking water under the current name of the Hillsborough River. Even first-time canoeists can experience this civilized wilderness opportunity safely and comfortably. This is a chance to see what Florida looked like before development altered watersheds and habitats. Gators and water birds are abundant.



Pre-Conference Workshops

Information on pre-conference workshops has already been distributed, and you are reminded to pre-register if you have not already done so.



Conference Program

Our keynote speakers are Eliot Wigginton of Foxfire and Pat Hutchings of AAHE. They will set the stage for our consideration of the conference theme, "Building Community Within a Changing Academy." More than 80 concurrent sessions will address a variety of issues related to the theme. The preliminary program, already mailed to you, included the titles of the sessions. Complete information will be provided in the conference program when you arrive at Saddlebrook.

Interest Groups

After dinner on Thursday, October 22, plan to meet informally with POD'ers in Interest Groups that will be led/hosted by members of the POD Core Committee. This will be a good opportunity to get to know and learn from fellow POD'ers who share your interest in a particular professional development topic.

You may get together with more than one group during the evening. However, to facilitate planning, you should indicate your first choice from the list of topics appearing on the response form.

Materials Fair

The Materials Fair is an opportunity for conference participants to share their ideas and materials. Members will be present to talk with conference participants and may wish to share their materials free or at a nominal cost. Access to the Materials Fair will be possible both before and after dinner Thursday evening (5:00 - 6:30 and 8:30 - 9:30PM).

If you wish to display materials from your program, please complete the appropriate information on the Response Form or contact BJ Wheeler at 402-472-4148 to assure table availability. You do need to plan to have someone from your program at your table during the above times (the room will be locked from 6:30 - 8:30 to safeguard materials).



We have put together two options (how POD-like!) to handle the anticipated interests of participants. The interpretive tour is led by local naturalists and paddling assistants. The pace is leisurely with soft drinks and fruit breaks provided. Canoeists will cover 4 miles in approximately 3 1/2 hours while traveling in small groups under a canopy of oaks and cypress. Travel to and from Saddlebrook will be by bus. Fee = \$37.00 (includes transportation, naturalist fees and taxes).

YO-YO Wilderness Canoe Option

The "everyone makes his/her own taco" self-guided tour allows the more experienced water travelers and those out for a long paddle an opportunity to examine more of the 16,000 acre wilderness area, including a little bit of wide water habitat. Canoeists cover 8 miles in approximately 4 hours. The same comfortable and quiet Old Town Discovery canoes are provided along with a map that says "go downstream" (Canoeists on the guided trip get the same directions, only theirs are interpreted). Participants choosing this option provide their own refreshments. Fee = \$21.00 (includes transportation and taxes).

NOTE: Most of you will never have another opportunity to experience the real Florida Wilderness Wetlands (or any wetlands for that matter) with such relative ease.

Subtropical Safari to Cockroach Bay

Lion Gardiner has made plans for a small number of POD participants to explore marine communities in the wilds of Tampa Bay. Guided by naturalists from the Hillsborough Community College Institute for Florida Studies, the group will visit a southern pine-palmetto upland, a mangrove swamp, and a National Audubon Society island refuge

This trip will actualize Lion's principle of no pain - no gain active learning and participants should be in vigorous health. The group will leave Saddlebrook promptly at 1:30 pm on Saturday and return no later than 7:00 pm. Transportation will be provided by space is limited to ten people. Please contact Lion Gardiner at 201-648-5450 for additional information, transportation costs, and to sign up for the trip. First come, first served!

Championship Golf

Tee times have been reserved for those who wish to experience a round on one of the two Arnold Palmer designed championship golf courses. Although the rates we have arranged through Saddlebrook might be steeper than fees closer to home, the challenge and the environment should prove to be worth the fee. Perhaps a rematch will be arranged among those who participated in the mini-tournament in West Virginia? Fees = \$43.00 green fees + \$17.00 cart per person).

Busch Gardens

Saddlebrook is approximately 20 minutes from Busch Gardens. Busch Gardens has been a pioneer in the establishment of breeding programs for endangered species. The park includes both nature preserve areas and amusement attractions. Participants choosing this option might want to leave immediately after lunch on Saturday since the park is humongous. Transportation can be arranged if enough people indicate an interest. Otherwise, participants will need to make other arrangements. Fees = \$27.95 (10% AAA discount).

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Bright Ideas

Last, but certainly not least, is a reminder to bring the enclosed Bright Ideas submission form with you to the conference. Yes, we will have additional copies of the form available at Saddlebrook, but we thought you might want a little more time to think about and write down your ideas.