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President's Letter

Dear Membership,

Universities around the country are in their summer sessions. That means geology field camps are beginning to migrate to the great state of Montana! We have the whole gambit to offer these camps: 3 different tectonic regimes (thin-skinned, thick skinned and extensional), economic resources (including the only Pt-Pd mine in the country), sedimentary packages (some of which include dinosaur bones), glacial and fluvial geomorphology, and that doesn't even include the National Parks nearby! It's no wonder Montana is a stop for many geology field courses. Hopefully you'll run into students from these camps, either in the field or in town after a hard day's work. If you do, make sure to introduce yourself and talk to the students. They always appreciate hearing about geology from the real experts (not their professors).

Keep your eyes peeled for those camps!
MGS President

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puns the funniest?*

*During the stone
age.*

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If you've been looking for a specific item to add to your collection or wish to inquire about the array of publications available, please contact him at geomon@nemont.net.



**AAPG ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING**
LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL, CHEYENNE, WYOMING
SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2019

**REGISTRATION
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Website: <https://rmsaapg2019.com/>

Early Bird Registration (ends July 19)

Professional - \$300
Professional - 1 day - \$150
Guest - \$75

Late Registration (after July 19)

Professional - \$375
Professional - 1 day - \$175
Guest - \$100

Student Registration

Student - \$60
Student also attending Rocky Mtn
Rendezvous - \$20
Valid Student ID and/or proof of registration to
RMR required

*Registration includes the technical program,
icebreaker, admittance to exhibit hall and
happy hour events.*

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Do you have photos of past MGS events,
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If so, we'd like to see them!

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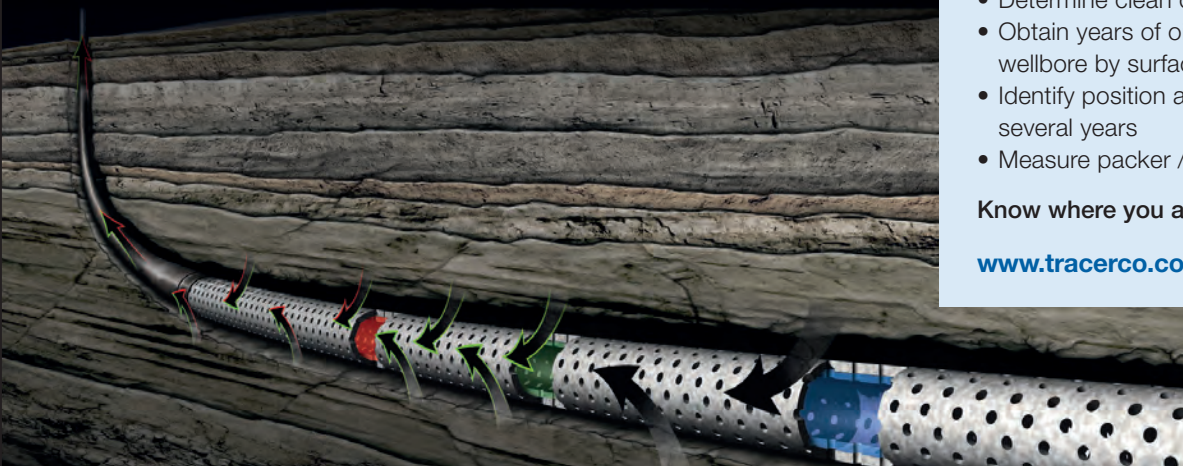
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To read the article, please visit:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/06/190619130315.htm>

“Antarctic marine life recovery following the dinosaurs' extinction”

“A new study shows how marine life around Antarctica returned after the extinction event that wiped out the dinosaurs. A team studied just under 3000 marine fossils collected from Antarctica to understand how life on the sea floor recovered after the Cretaceous-Paleogene (K-Pg) mass extinction 66 million years ago. They reveal it took one million years for the marine ecosystem to return to pre-extinction levels.”

To read the rest of the article, please visit:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/06/190619104642.htm>

“Study provides new insight into origin of Canadian Rockies”

“Research suggests the mountains formed in a westward collision event more than 100 million years ago.”

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Tobacco Root Geological Society 44th Annual Field Conference Deer Lodge, Montana, July 25-28, 2019

Deer Lodge is central to the Boulder Batholith and Elkhorn Mountains volcanic field, the Anaconda Metamorphic Core Complex, the Gold Creek placer mines, and the Butte and Anaconda mining districts and their notorious industrial superfund sites. Deer Lodge is also home to the Old Montana Prison and the Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site. It is the ideal base camp for a diversity of geologic field trips and outdoor adventures.

The regional geologic history is rich and varied. Cordilleran folding and thrusting was accompanied by emplacement of the Late Cretaceous Boulder Batholith and Elkhorn Mountains volcanic field. The comagmatic batholith and volcanic field preserve an unusually complete record of Cordilleran continental arc magmatism. Eocene collapse of the fold-thrust belt was marked by caldera-forming eruption of the Lowland Creek volcanic field, extension along low angle detachments, and formation of Anaconda Metamorphic Core Complex. Precious and base metal mineralization—including formation of the Butte Hill copper deposits—accompanied every stage of contraction, collapse, and magmatism.

The region is still seismically active, continuing the basin-and-range-style block faulting that created deep basins in the Deer Lodge, Elk Park, and Whitetail valleys, and lateral transtension in the Lewis and Clark Zone.

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