



Tuesday, January 02, 2007

Tentative Schedule
for
West Texas and Big Bend National Park
Program #1948

Day One		Arrive Fort Davis, TX
Afternoon	Arrival and check-in by 3 p.m., Davis Mountains Education Center (DMEC). At 4:00 p.m., meet onsite in "The Gathering Place" to get acquainted. Orientation outlining program aspects, questions and answers.	
Dinner	Dinner around 6 p.m. onsite in the DMEC dining room.	
Evening	Around 7:00 p.m., meet back in The Gathering Place for an introduction to geology with William MacLeod.	
Accommodations	Davis Mountains Education Center	
Day Two		Fort Davis, TX
Breakfast	Breakfast around 7 a.m., DMEC dining room.	
Morning	8:15 a.m. depart for Fort Davis National Historic Site for short video and tour of the grounds (8:30 – 9:30) 10:00 – 12 p.m. Presentation by Bill Leftwich, "Vaqueros to Cowboys"	
Lunch	Lunch at DMEC	
Afternoon	1:00 p.m. depart for McDonald Observatory, video and tour (1:30 – 4:00 or so). Return to DMEC, free time until dinner	
Dinner	Dinner, DMEC dining room around 6:00 p.m.	
Evening	Around 7 p.m., meet back in The Gathering Place. Astronomy presentation and star gazing with Gary Dowdle.	
Accommodations	Davis Mountains Education Center	
Day Three		Fort Davis to Big Bend
Breakfast	Breakfast, DMEC dining room	
Morning	Load bus for trip to Big Bend. Travel through Alpine, Study Butte and Lajitas, including visits to the Barton Warnock Center, a ghost town tour, and the Ken Barnes' Dinosaur Museum.	
Lunch	Sack lunch en route.	
Afternoon	Arrive Big Bend National Park.	

Evening	Evening Activity (to be determined)
Dinner	Dinner at hotel
Accommodations	Chisos Lodge, Big Bend

Day Four		Big Bend
Breakfast	Breakfast in Big Bend	
Morning	Morning hike.	
Lunch	Lunch in Big Bend.	
Afternoon	History, geology, flora, fauna of the Big Bend. Ross Maxwell Drive, Santa Elena Canyon, and Castolon.	
Evening	Spend your evening at leisure	
Dinner	Dinner in the area	
Accommodations	Chisos Lodge	

Day Five		Big Bend to Fort Davis
Breakfast	Breakfast at hotel.	
Morning	Breakfast followed by a three-hour hike on the Chisos Basin Window Trail. Prepare for departure back to Fort Davis.	
Lunch	Lunch in the Big Bend area.	
Afternoon	Depart to Fort Davis.	
Evening	After dinner, we get together in The Gathering Room where everyone has a chance to speak of the past week's activities, share thoughts, stories, etc. Then it's time for some real West Texas entertainment.	
Dinner	Dinner around 6:00 p.m., DMEC dining room.	
Accommodations	DMEC	

Day Six		Fort Davis
Breakfast	Breakfast in DMEC dining room.	
Morning	DMEC shuttle departs from Fort Davis by 8:00 a.m. to arrive at El Paso Airport by 11 a.m. Remember, El Paso is in the mountain time zone.	
	For those traveling by private vehicle, checkout time is 11 a.m.	