



January 2008

Dear Junior Church Parent,



On Saturday, January 19, Junior Church (grades 4 - 6) will take their annual field trip to the Science Museum of Minnesota. We will leave from the church parking lot on the corner of 52nd and Chicago Avenue at 9:00 am and travel by van to the museum in St. Paul. We will bring the children back to their homes (or other mutually agreeable drop off point) at about 5:00 to 6:00 pm. That means that you do not need to necessarily return to church to retrieve your child.



Children's admission to the Omnitheater and exhibits is about \$10. It is FREE for members. So if you have a family membership, send a copy of the membership card with your child. We are not able to bring our own food into the museum and lunches at their food court cost about \$5.00 to \$6.00. There are also snacks available at various places in the museum and there is a gift shop with many fascinating toys and artifacts. You will need to provide \$15.00 to \$20.00 with your child (only \$5.00 to \$10.00 if you send a membership card.) Also instruct your child to remember that when the money is gone, it is really gone. A snack or two before noon may mean a dumpster diving lunch.

We take this trip for several reasons. One is that it is a fun place. The Omnitheater movie is "The Alps," about mountain climbing. (Showing your kids something like how it was when you walked to school through neck-high snow, uphill both ways) There is also a 3 D movie and, of course, many other exhibits.



As we go, we also make a point of detecting and exposing the evolutionary propaganda that permeates the museum. For example, the dinosaur bones are glibly dated at over 60 million years old, even though recently a T Rex bone was found to



contain blood vessels and blood cells, still intact and even elastic when poked. It is enough of a stretch (excuse the expression) to believe that this tissue lasted 3400 years since the flood, but to say that it was preserved for 65 million years boggles the imagination. Yet the real facts are systematically censored in schools, the media and public institutions like the Science Museum. We want the kids to be informed and alert, not passively absorbing misinformation.

Parent volunteers are always welcome and sometimes even mildly coerced into coming. Having a van is a plus. Costs for adults are a little more, but we also get a couple of free adult tickets for bringing a group. So basically assume that the cost per adult will be the same as the cost per child (with the same caveat concerning museum membership.)

You may call to confirm attendance. We will call you if you are on the mailing list and we do not hear from you by January 16.

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