



AIPG GEORGIA SECTION

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NEXT MEETING

PROVIDENCE CANYON STATE PARK

When: Friday to Sunday, April 6-8, 2012

Where: Visitor Center Saturday at 11:00 AM

AIPG Members and guests call or email by Wednesday April 4, 2012, if you plan to attend
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In the next few weeks I'll be visiting our six universities that offer geology degrees. We have six students that will be rewarded a student membership plaque and a \$250.00 scholarship. University of West Georgia has their second annual career night that I will be attending. We are already planning our next innovative remediation conference on September 12-13, 2012. You will hear more about it during the summer. I asked for volunteers to represent AIPG Georgia Section at the 64th Georgia Science and Engineering Fair but we had none so we will try again next year.

A few weeks ago I sent an email to our members informing them that AIPG Georgia Section and the Carolina Section had made a proposal to the National GSA Conference for a symposium titled "Geology Careers for New Geology Graduates". It was accepted but we need a minimum of 12 speakers to have the session. As a speaker you need to write an abstract for publication in GSA, register for the convention for at least the day of our session, drive to Charlotte, NC, and make a 15-minute power point presentation. We currently have four speakers, counting myself, and one student member that may want to do a presentation. This is a session that the students will want to hear and it will be rewarding to you to have an opportunity to meet geology students from across the country. Below are some the geology careers that you may consider. If you would like to participate, please email me or call me. My contact information is at the end of this news letter.

GSA – Geology Careers

1. Environmental – Phase I
2. Environmental Engineering and Consulting
3. Environmental – RCRA, CERCLA
4. Environmental – life-cycle of landfill
5. Environmental – remediation
6. Environmental – small firms or self employed
7. Geotechnical consulting
8. Business side of consulting
9. Petroleum – major company

10. Petroleum – independent
11. Geophysical – petroleum
12. Geophysical – environmental
13. Mud logging, electric logging
14. Federal employment – EPA, COE, military, BLM
15. State employment - EPD, Survey, DOT
16. Geologic mapping
17. Mining
18. Alternative energy
19. International opportunities
20. State licensing, continuing education
21. Teaching – middle school, high school, 2-year college
22. Teaching - university

Visits to University of West Georgia and Columbus State University

Back in December I asked our members to make a donation to support our student chapters. On March 12th and 14th I visited both universities and presented checks for \$350.00. Some of the funds will be used to send students to Southeastern GSA. If it weren't for the generosity of our members these funds would not have been possible.



Ron presenting check to Josh Poole and Ashley White from UWG

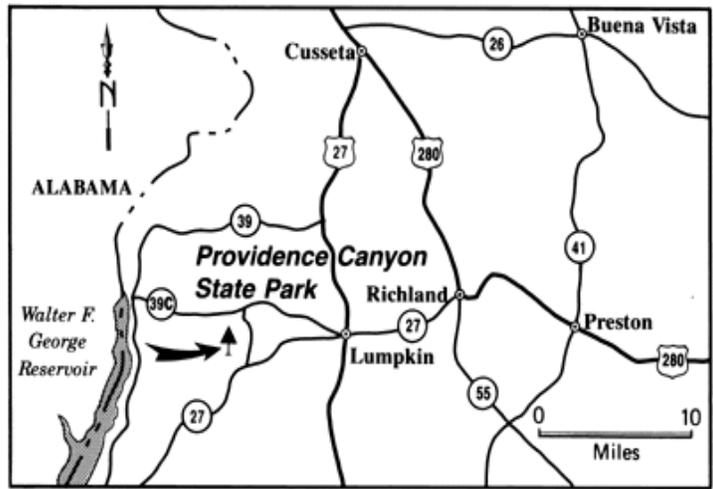


Ron presenting check to Bryan Victor from Columbus State University

UPCOMING MEETING

Columbia State University and University of Georgia AIPG Chapters will be going to Providence Canyon on April 6-8th for a fun-filled weekend of meeting fellow student members and seeing the gorgeous stratigraphy of Providence Canyon. All other section members and nearby AIPG sections are invited to join in with us as well. The UGA van will be leaving from Athens at 3:00 PM, and they are only making one trip. They will leave around noon on Sunday to drive back to Athens. Students from CSU will leave Columbus probably around 5:30 PM and also leave on Sunday morning. They will be setting up camp in a primitive site within Providence Canyon State. We encourage both students and their faculty advisers to attend what is sure to be a great trip!

We plan to meet at the Visitor Center at 11:00 AM on Saturday for ones that want to come down for the day. We will hike down to the bottom of the canyon, a trek around part of the rim, and then visit some outcrops around the park. It's a good 3.0 – 3.5 hours drive from Atlanta. You can go to www.Gastateparks.org/ProvidenceCanyon to get directions. Their map is below. If you have questions on camping contact Emily Randall randall_emily@columbusstate.edu



Map to Providence Canyon

LAST MEETING

We had a great trip to Cherokee Ruby and Sapphire Mine on March 24, 2012. We had about 25 members with students from UGA, Georgia State, and Columbus State, and a few non-members from Tennessee. We missed the rain and had a sunny day to look for rubies and sapphires. We would like to thank Dan Centofanti for organizing the trip and Brian Flaherty for helping out.



AIPG Chapter Presidents: Sean and Rachel from UGA, Bryan from Columbus State, and Semir from Georgia State



Ron presenting Sean and Rachel \$250.00 for their UGA Chapter



Group picture along the flume



Students searching for gems



Students looking for rubies



End of the trip

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