SDSU Geology Alumni Campout

It is time once again for the alumni and friends of the San Diego State Geology Department to travel to some remote location to enjoy each other's company and get away from the daily grind. Our 16th annual campout will be the weekend of April 12 to 14, 2002. This year's trip will be closer to home and more relaxed than in recent years. We will be camping at the Agua Caliente County Park group campsite in Anza Borrego. The main focus of the trip will be to travel up the railroad tracks (on foot) to view the local geology and the magnificent train trestles in the gorges. Here are the specifics:

**Date:** April 12 to 14, so get your taxes done early

**Time:** Arrive anytime Friday afternoon but no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday

**Place:** Agua Caliente County Park on S-2. From the south, take Highway 8 to Ocotillo, turn north and follow S-2 until you see the sign for the park. From the north, come south on S-2 through and past Earthquake Valley (Shelter Valley for you real estate salespeople) until you see the sign for the park. The park is on the west side of S-2.

**Amenities:** Natural hot spring pools. There are a lot of individual camp sites but we are staying in the group site. Unfortunately, no pets are allowed.

**Supplies:** Nearest gas and store is in Ocotillo, although there is a small store at the campground with a limited stock.

**Communications:** Cell phones are marginal at best. Ham radio simplex 146.520.

**Road conditions:** All paved to the campground. Conditions for the road back to where we start our hike will depend on whether we get any rain by then.

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