ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEETING AT THE SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Where: San Diego Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park
(619) 232-3821

When: 6:00 pm – Social Hour
7:00 pm – Dinner
8:00 pm – Program

Directions: The Museum is located in Balboa Park, near the intersection of Park Boulevard and Village Place, just south of the San Diego Zoo. Enter the grand new entrance on the north side, facing the large Moreton Bay fig tree. All parking is free in Balboa Park. The lot nearest the museum is to the left as you enter Village Place. For more detailed directions, or a map to the museum, go to www.sdnhm.org/visit/directions.html

Dinner: Dinner Buffet - Chicken and Beef Fajitas, rice and beans. Appetizers of flautas and quesadillas with guacamole and salsa fresca. Sodas and beer provided.

Cost: $25.00/person, $10/student

Reservations: Make your reservation online through the SDAG website at www.sandiegogeologists.org or call Margaret Eggers at 760-757-7711 no later than 5PM! Monday, December 15th.

PLEASE -- RESERVATIONS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY AT 5PM. We have had quite a few people in recent meetings who showed up with NO reservation. This is very difficult on the catering staff and we can not accommodate folks at this meeting who do not have a prior reservation.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT PRIOR TO THE MEETING!! (Thank you!)
Come join us and support our beautiful and expanded San Diego Natural History Museum (www.sdnhm.org). Our program will include a viewing of the IMAX film: **Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure**

This giant-screen film recounts the extraordinary true story of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton’s 1914–1916 British Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, which many consider "the greatest survival story of all time." This expedition has become a testament to heroism and human endurance, with all 28 men surviving nearly two years in the barren, frigid Antarctic when their ship, the *Endurance*, was caught in pack ice and eventually crushed. Narrated by Kevin Spacey, this film features stunning Antarctic images and re-creations filmed in 1999 and 2000, plus the remarkable original still photography and 35mm motion-picture footage of Frank Hurley, the official photographer for the *Endurance* expedition.

**And the Companion Museum Exhibition:**

**THE ENDURANCE:**
Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition

*The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition*, a landmark exhibition devoted to one of the greatest tales of survival in expedition history. The traveling exhibition brings to life the epic story of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s 1914 *Endurance* expedition—its astonishing panoramas, doomed ship, extreme hardships, and miraculous climax. Haunting expedition photographs and vintage film footage resurrect one of the most awesome man-against-nature sagas to emerge this century.

The exhibition presents more than 150 compelling photographs of the expedition's ordeal taken by ship photographer Frank Hurley, who dove into frigid waters to retrieve his glass plate negatives from the sinking *Endurance*. The photographs, printed from the original negatives and Hurley's album of prints, are displayed chronologically and accompanied by gripping memoirs from the voyage. The visual record is complemented by incredible film footage and a replica of the James Caird, the lifeboat that carried Shackleton and five of his crew on one of the greatest adventures of all time.

The exhibition also features a computer interactive that allows visitors to experience the challenges of open-boat navigation, and several videos, narrated by actor Liam Neeson, that examine the historic, geographic, and scientific context of the voyage.

*The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition* is the most comprehensive presentation of the journey ever mounted. It is also the most extensive showing of Hurley's work; limited numbers of his photographs have been on view twice in London since the 1920s, and once in Australia in 1963.
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SDAG Wear:  - Monte has a variety of shirts, hats, visors and even a nice vest with the SDAG logo.  A small selection is available for purchase at the meetings; all SDAG wear can be ordered from Monte.

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Requirements:
* Degree in geology or environmental sciences preferred.
* 0 – 2 years experience required for Staff level
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