



Emery County Education Council

Working together to make a difference

The Emery County Education Council is a community development sub-committee of the Emery County Economic Development Council. The Economic Development Council is a non-profit 501-c(3) organization dedicated to support community-based programs designed to promote economic growth.

The idea for these camps came from a desire to offer fun, educational opportunities for students. We began in 2005 with three camps and have been thrilled with the way in which the programs have grown and expanded.

One of our premier camps is the Paleontology Dinosaur Quarry Dig Camp, geared toward high school age students. The camp is organized in partnership with the College of Eastern Utah (CEU). This camp came from a fusion of ideas concerning what we have to offer that is unique to our area. Emery County has a world-class paleontology resource right in its own backyard. This camp offers the student a unique hands-on opportunity to get involved with the science of paleontology. The students are able to discover and excavate dinosaur bones from one of the active quarries in Emery County. The bones are then cast in plaster and transported back to the bone lab at CEU. There the students clean the bones, identify which dinosaur they came from and prepare them for storage. Dr. Reese Barrick, Curator of Paleontology for the CEU Prehistoric Museum, instructs the students along with John Bird Quarry Boss who directs the students in the quarry excavations. Dr. Barrick and his team have been in the national news in 2006 for several new and exciting discoveries in Emery County.

A new and very exciting camp introduced last year in conjunction with the University of Utah is our Archaeology Field Camp in Range Creek. Dr. Duncan Metcalf leads the team of researchers in this one of a kind canyon featured recently in the National Geographic.

We are excited to be able to offer this kind of program to the students of Emery County and are happy to extend an invitation to students from around the State and around the Nation to join us in these adventures in education!

We would like to especially thank all of the camp directors, volunteers and partner organizations for helping us put together these terrific camps!

Thanks A gain and Enjoy the Camps

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