Skeptics Society Presents
Crystals for Skeptics!
Geology Trip to the Oceanview Mine in Pala, CA, Sunday, December 2, 2007

Riding chartered mini-coaches, we will leave the Westin Hotel (Pasadena) at 8:00 a.m. to travel to the Oceanview Mine in the Pala mining district of northern San Diego County (see http://www.digforgems.com/). This is the last operating mine from a region that once had 73 mines, producing beautiful tourmalines (some with “watermelon” colors of green and pink), lavender lepidolite mica, plus beautiful crystals of quartz, morganite, beryl, kunzite, garnet, spodumene, and many other rare gems.

• Chartered mini-coaches from the Westin Hotel (Pasadena)
• A lecture by geologist Dr. Donald Prothero on the area geology and how crystals are formed.
• Tour the mine in small groups.
• Keep any gems you find. The mine will provide work stations consisting of a table, screen, and bucket. The mine owners will give a talk on how to use the screens and what to look for to spot the gems. Screen as many buckets of fresh material from the mine as you like and keep what you find. This activity takes place in the parking lot outdoors so be sure to dress for the weather.
• Boxed lunches (vegetarian available if requested on the registration form), and drinks will be provided.
• $20. of your fee is a tax-deductible donation to the Skeptics Society

WHAT TO BRING: Gloves, sun hat, sunscreen, good walking shoes or boots (no sandals), “Zip lock” bags, a backpack or bucket to bring home your rocks and a prospecting spirit!

--We will be at the mine site from approximately 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and will return to Pasadena at approximately 5:30 p.m.
--Space is VERY limited as there are only 48 screens. You may wish to share your screen with someone, or for an additional fee, have your own. The total price for the tour if you share a screen is $145. per person. The total price for the tour for a single screen is $170. per person.
--Children are welcome-$135. per child for a shared screen.

--CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellation after November 15 will not be refunded.

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Mail completed registration to:
Skeptics Society Geo Tour,
P.O. Box 338,
Altadena, CA 91001.

Or CALL OUR OFFICE with your information at 626-794-3119.

In addition to the registration form, two liability forms will be required. When you register, a Oceanview Mine liability form and Skeptics liability form will be sent to you to finalize your registration.