617th SECTION MEETING
Hosted by the Lynchburg College

Monday, May 19, 2008

PROGRAM:
6:00-7:00  Tour of Claytor Facility
7:00-8:30  Pot-Luck Picnic
8:30-  ?  Tour of the Observatory and possible viewing

This month's meeting will be a pot-luck picnic and tour of Lynchburg College's Claytor Nature Study Center and Belk Astronomical Observatory in Bedford, Virginia. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided, as well as tableware. Attendees are requested to bring a side dish, such as vegetables, casseroles, fruits, desserts, etc. Reservations should include the number attending and what dish you would like to bring.

Reservations for the picnic and tour must be made by FRIDAY, MAY 16, THREE DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING, by calling Bill Lokar at 434-544-8631 or by e-mail to lokar@lynchburg.edu or regular mail to Bill Lokar, Lynchburg College, 1501 Lakeside Dr. Lynchburg, VA 24501.
Virginia Blue Ridge Section Pot-Luck Picnic and
Tour of the Claytor Nature Study Center
and Belk Astronomical Observatory, Bedford, VA

Claytor Nature Study Center is an outdoor classroom and laboratory in Central Virginia dedicated to the study and appreciation of our natural environment. The Belk Observatory represents the next step in the educational development of the Center, which currently offers a wealth of educational and research programs and outreach opportunities in the areas of hydrology, forest ecology and management, physical geology, environmental chemistry, meteorology, and earth science to college and university students, secondary school students and educators, and community groups. More information can be found at http://www.lynchburg.edu/claytor.xml.

Directions to Claytor Nature Study Center

From Lynchburg:
Follow Rt. 221 toward Bedford. Turn right on Centerville Road/Rt. 671 and drive 2.7 miles. Go straight at the intersection of Rt. 671/644 and Rt. 122, and proceed 2.6 miles on what is now called Fancy Farm Road/Rt. 644 to Peaks Road/Rt.43. Turn right onto Peaks Road/Rt. 43 and proceed 1.4 miles to Woods Road/Rt. 682, just past the Big Otter River crossing. Turn right onto Woods Road and follow for about 0.8 mile to the Education & Research Center entrance on the right. Follow gravel drive down to parking area adjacent to the building.

From Roanoke:
Follow Rt. 460 toward Bedford. Take Bus. 460 into downtown Bedford. Turn left onto Rt. 43. Follow Rt. 43 north to Woods Road/Rt. 682, just past the Big Otter River crossing. Turn right onto Woods Road and follow for about 0.8 mile to the Education & Research Center entrance on the right. Follow gravel drive down to parking area adjacent to the building.