

## Survey results | AZ Geological Society Fall 2015 Field Trip – J. Spencer, P. Pearthree & J. Bright

<b>AGS - Fall 2015 Field Trip - Plomosa Mtn - Blythe Basin</b>				
Tool: Survey Monkey.com				
Respondents: Attendees				
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Date - 11/17 to 11/19/2015				
	<u>N</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
The AGS Fall field trip met my expectations.	23	82	18	0
I appreciated receiving the digital field guide in advance of the field trip.		78	22	0
The field trip guides performed well.		91	9	0
The field trip stops were well chosen.		71	29	0
I would recommend AGS field trips to professional colleagues.		87	13	0
I would recommend AGS field trips to graduate and undergraduate students.		87	13	0
\$30 cost of the field trip for the field guide, expert leadership, and snacks was:		91	4.5	4.5

Note: Responses are expressed in percentages; i.e., 82% strongly agreed with the statement, 'The AGS Fall field trip met my expectations.' Twenty-three of 30 individuals, or 76%, completed the survey.

### Participant comments on how to improve the AGS field trip experience

- Perhaps nametags for everyone would help in a large group such as this.
- Too much lecture cuts into our time to look at rocks. Maybe save some of the lecturing for at the outcrop. The second day start was muddled. Why have a lecture and then get into the trucks to drive 1/2 mile? Should have had the lecture at the start of the walk that morning, or better yet do it at the first outcrop.
- I think the advance guide book, now that's we are in the computer age was the best innovation to the field trip. Trying to catch up to the field guide during the trip is simply not a reasonable possibility. I have been going to the AGS field trips for 50 years now (when possible) and consider them perhaps the most important part of my continuing education. "class work" is not a substitute for field work particularly when the field presenters are as good as they have been over the years and the verbal interchange is irreplaceable. JAB
- No recommendations, can't be easy to do such a great job on these field trips
- Provide a beer or two at the end of the day like we used to in the 1980s lol
- The only criticism was there were a couple times that the trip got sort of bogged down in long question/comment sessions. Both times started out as the intro, but eventually became long periods of standing around and discussing very detailed and sometimes extraneous topics. I know it's hard to predict and plan these things, but it would probably help to set some kind of (relatively short) time limit

for the intro, and then ask participants to save their detailed questions/comments for while we're walking or while we're at the rocks.

- Better (bigger and more) signs locating campsites -- especially for late evening arrivals. Also, more exact (to the tenth of a mile) mileages for written directions to camps, road intersections, and the like. GPS coordinates for important sites would be a help to those with GPS capability. We all survived, but these little things would make the trip more user friendly. Thanks for a GREAT TRIP Bill Elliott.
- Name tags? Thanks for a good trip.
- More approachable explanations of terminology, some trip attendees may not be as familiar with the significance of isotopic measurements or certain structural or geochemical terms as others.
- Include more mineralized areas
- Bring Jon out of retirement for more sermons -- wonderful man and excellent geologist.
- Have name tags so that participants could better interact. Thanks for a fine field trip at a great price.
- I suggest email/place or online the field trip guides before the trip so the attendees can read them, to lower the cost of the trip print if desired their own copies
- None. Great trip. What happened to the ASU students?
- A little better communications when getting to stops.... i.e.; inform everyone as to what is involved at each stop, a short hike, long hike, just gathering around an outcrop, etc.
- The trip was excellent.
- Perhaps a more organized campfire program
- Implement system for keeping to schedule and allowing for ample discussion... somehow... good luck!

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