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Presidents Welcome Message

Dear Members: First of all I want to thank everyone for making Technician Week quite a success! Many facilities across the state had celebrations to show their support for their hard working technicians and many took advantage of our certificates of appreciation to show coworkers their gratitude. We are now planning the spring teleconference and the summer fun event. Dr. Kathy Smiler has agreed to talk to us about dealing with animal loss in a lab animal research setting for our spring teleconference. As for our summer fun event, we need your help! We are currently discussing whether to have a Mt. Lemmon picnic with a talk about the effects on wildlife from forest fires, visit Kitt Peak Observatory, or a trip to Kartchner Caverns. Due to the costs associated with Kitt Peak and Kartchner Caverns, there may be a fee for members attending. Please let us know what you think about the choices and whether or not you would mind incurring part of the cost to attend. Once again I would like to thank you for your support of AZ AALAS and if you have any questions or comments or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact me. Thanks!
 April Wagner - (520)626-0490 or awagner@u.arizona.edu

Past Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 1/29/04 Board Meeting

Meeting began at 1220 p.m. The meeting was held in conference call with St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center,

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Spring Video Conference - TBA
 Summer Fun Event - TBA
 Fall Video Conference - TBA
 Holiday Installation Event - Tucson

Arizona State University, the College of Medicine and the conference room of the Central Animal Facility at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

President April Wagner welcomed the board members and thanked everyone for making the time to participate. She presented 2003 treasurer, Tricia Thorne, with a certificate of appreciation. A similar certificate will be given to Past president Paula Johnson as well.

April began the meeting by asking for approval of the minutes of the November board meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

Tricia gave a financial update. There is currently \$2,666.27 in our checking account. Add to this our other accounts for a total of \$6,234.79 on our last statement not including some \$230.31 in outstanding items including shipping and handling for tech week items, printing of the newsletter, postage for tech week and newsletter. It was suggested that in the future any checks that have been voided should be shown in the accounting records. Tricia will be passing off her records to the 2004 treasurer, Christy Barber, at the end of this meeting.

Secretary Grace Aranda announced that we currently have 55 paid members and distributed rosters to the board. She has reminded all board members that their memberships need to be paid by the end of the month. All 2003 members have received email reminders that their dues are due and will also receive a reminder with their newsletter. Grace had already sent National AALAS a roster, but has sent an update today. She also reported that the signature card to update account signers has been sent to the bank to transfer privileges.

Grace submitted a raffle summary. Total receipts were \$1,014.00. Expenses came to \$264.39 for walk away items, stamps, tickets, paper and envelopes. That brings the net proceeds to \$749.61. The board agreed to send a check for \$750 to the Child Life Activity Center this year.

Past president Tim Martin gave a report on the Holiday Installation event. He thanked April for holding this in her home. She had a full house and the food was good. Members seemed to have a good time and it was a great way to network. Next year's event will also be held in Tucson at President Elect Dr. Rand's house.

Grace reported that we obtained posters, tech week pins and calendar stickers from National for Tech week on Feb 1-8th. She has put notifications on the website and updated the tech week page as well as emailed the listserve with certificate of appreciation notices and has received some replies though less than last year. She did send pin and posters to BNI, ASU, Mayo, NAU, WL Gore and UA. Certificates went out as requested as well. The Tucson region will have their event on the 4th from 12-1 and have cake, soda and distribute certificates. ASU will have a catered lunch on the 5th. Each facility will be reimbursed for up to \$25 for their event as requested.

We need to begin plans for the Spring Video Conference. Grace received a request for a speaker on Dealing with Animal Loss in the Research Setting. Since we have not

been able to entice Mayo to become involved, we thought this might be a good way to recruit members. Grace and Tim have been in touch with Kathy Smiler from Wyeth. She is planning to retire soon and said she is willing to give this presentation. Tim will contact Kathy and get back to the board with a date in March or April. Dr. Rand mentioned that he has also spoken on this topic and is willing to be a backup for Dr. Smiler. Dr. Rand also mentioned that he received a topic suggestion of new AV methods of creating presentations. Dr. John Hall with Biomedical Communications gave a similar presentation last year at the Management & Electronic Media Conference in Florida. He is willing to do a presentation to AZAALAS if we can find a mutual date. The board suggested we use Dr. Hall for the Fall Video conference in October. Grace will get the National meeting date (October 17-21) so that we can avoid conflicts. Dr. Rand will work on arranging this with Dr. Hall.

Dr. Rand had reported that the UA Animal Care department will no longer financially support AZAALAS. UAC feels to do so is not in the best interest of their per diem paying customers. Tricia has done a review of last the 2003 finances and plotted the amounts on a bar graph to show that the branch has already been paying for printing, postage and office supplies. While we may have made some single copies last year, we have changed our methods this year by emailing materials for review and meetings which should remove such concerns this year. UAC personnel who are members can offer their services to stuff envelopes, etc on their lunch or break times. UAC Business Manager Mary Durham was invited to join the meeting to receive this information and was satisfied that AZAALAS has resolved the issue.

April asked for suggestions for this year's summer fun event. As last year's event was scheduled in northern Arizona, this summer's get-together will be in the southern portion of the state. Suggestions of Mt Lemmon picnic, a trip to Kartchner Caverns or Kitt Peak Observatory were made. Dr. Rand offered to check on the Caverns and Grace will check on the other two and a report will be made to the board.

Grace reported that the newsletter has gone out. Everyone receives a copy of the January newsletter as their reminder to renew their membership. Future copies will only go to those who requested paper copies. Suggestions are needed for the next issue. Technician Branch Representative Jane Criswell will be doing a TBR corner. Southern Board Representative Bob Perrill offered to do a member profile. There is a member profile form on the website though it was suggested some changes be made. Board members are asked to review the form and send Grace your suggested changes. If anyone sees something, they think should be included in a newsletter please submit it to Grace.

Central Board member James Badman had suggested that the annual raffle might benefit regional charities. The board should begin collecting charities now to allow for review by the board. James will put together a message to go out to the listserve so members can submit their choices. A charity from each region will be chosen.

Grace asked for volunteers from AZAALAS to be science fair judges for SwAEBR. There are 5 regional science fairs and Swaebr distributes awards to all of them for projects dealing with biomedical research. The American Indian fair is March 4-5 in Chandler; Sierra Vista fair is March 10-11; Tucson fair is March 15-20; Prescott fair is March 24-27; and the Central AZ fair in Tempe is March 24-28. We need at least 2 judges for each fair. Anyone willing to help judge, contact Grace.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Coming Soon Member Profiles

One important aspect of an organization is the opportunity to get to network. However, we are too often too busy with our jobs and seldom have the time to talk with other AzAALAS members.

Our membership has a great diversity of backgrounds and special interests. In future newsletters look for a colleague or two to shine in the members profile spotlight

TBR Corner

I sincerely hope Arizona AALAS members have taken advantage of the following award and nominated some deserving personnel. This is a terrific opportunity to recognize a fellow technician for their service to the laboratory animal field. On a separate note, if I can be of assistance in any way don't hesitate to contact me. -
Jane Criswell, AZ Technician Branch Representative criswell@u.arizona.edu

Lab Products Animal Technician Award - Nominations must be postmarked by 6/30/04

In recognition of International Laboratory Animal Technician week, Lab Products, Inc. is pleased to announce the Lab Products Animal Technician Awards Program. This program is intended to reward a **deserving animal care technician from each of the 8 AALAS Districts with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting.** One award recipient will be selected yearly from each of the 8 AALAS Districts. The award will be limited to animal care personnel, with at least one year of laboratory animal care experience, that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting. The recipients of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award will each receive an award recognition plaque; airfare, hotel and registration at the National AALAS Meeting; one years membership to AALAS and a \$250 cash award to cover incidentals while attending the AALAS Meeting. For more information write Lab Products, Inc., P.O. Box 639, Seaford, DE 19973, or see the award description and nomination information on CompMed or Techlink.

Award Benefits: (participation, recognition, public speaking, and decision making). This award will: 1) Allow a deserving animal care worker from each of the 8 AALAS Districts to attend a National AALAS Meeting for the first time; 2) Publicly recognize the recipient at a social function of the AALAS membership; 3) Encourage the recipient to speak at a Branch Meeting on their experiences at AALAS, thereby allowing them to gain experience in public speaking and to promote the AALAS experience to other technicians; 4) The recipient will serve as a member of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award Selection Committee for the next year. This will allow them the experience and involvement in a decision making process that will affect their peers.

Award Selection Committee: 1) Nominees for the first year's awardees will be submitted to Lab Products, Inc. An Award Selection Committee will then consider all nominations and select one nominee from each of the 8 AALAS Districts for the award; 2) In future years, the award recipients from the previous year will form the Award Selection Committee (i.e., the 2004 Award Recipients will form the Award Selection Committee for selection of the 2005 Award Recipients).

Award Selection Criteria: 1) Nominee must have a minimum of 1 years work experience in a laboratory animal facility; 2) Nominee must be a working supervisor, animal care worker or animal health technician. (Managers, Assistant Directors, etc. are not eligible); 3) The nominee must be someone that actually performs hands on animal care work or works in the cage wash area; 4) The nominee must be someone that would not be eligible for travel funds (from the University, Institution or Company) to attend a National AALAS meeting; 5) This award is intended to provide deserving animal care technicians with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. Therefore, only nominees that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting will be eligible.

Nomination Process: 1) Nominations are to be by letter, detailing the Technicians' work history, accomplishments, community involvement, and describing how this travel award will benefit the technician and the facility. AALAS Branch membership, and involvement in branch AALAS activities, will be considered in the award selection; 2) Supporting letters are encouraged and will be considered, but are not required; 3) Send nominations to: Attn: Awards Selection Committee, Lab Products, Inc., P.O. Box 639, Seaford, DE 19973 Ph. 800-526-0469 Fax 302-628-4309. Recipients will be notified by August 1, 2004

Award Recipient Requirements: 1) After attending the National AALAS Meeting, the award recipients must present a paper at their next annual Branch or District AALAS meeting on how the AALAS Meeting experience affected them; 2) Award recipients agree to attend the Lab Products, Inc., Tuesday night social during the National AALAS Meeting for a formal award presentation; 3) Award recipient agrees to be a judge for the selection of the next years award recipients.

D8 Meeting Coming to Utah

We are excited that the Utah Branch will be hosting a District 8 Conference, May 22-25, 2005 in Park City, Utah. We are putting

together an excellent, broad-based program that we think you will enjoy and we are looking forward to meeting you when you attend. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jeff Meldrum from Idaho

State University, speaking about "Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science."

Although Park City is located high in the beautiful Wasatch Mountains, it is only a short

shuttle ride from the Salt Lake International Airport. Salt Lake City is served by a variety of major airlines, Amtrak and bus service. Park City hosted the 2002 Winter Olympic Games and offers a wide variety of recreational activities including hiking, bicycling, golfing, horseback riding and fishing. We have arranged access to some of these activities at reduced prices for meeting participants. The area also has a number of very nice shops and restaurants.

Contact Penny Noel at (801) 581-6430 or send an email to pnoel@arc.utah.edu.

Letter from AALAS Foundation

One of the AALAS Foundation's goals is to educate the public about the value of the work all of you do. The Foundation has developed labels (included with this letter) that we hope AALAS members will use on their personal and business mail to get the message out to the public.

We are eager to distribute these labels; however, mailing them to individual members is cost prohibitive. Would your branch consider receiving these labels and distributing them to interested branch members at your regular branch meetings?

This type of Branch /Foundation collaboration will be a win-win situation. The Foundation will have an inexpensive way to get our message out to the public through your members. Your branch will be a resource for its members who want to get the message out to the public about the importance of their work. We also hope that making labels available at your local branch meetings will be an added

incentive for your members to attend the meetings.

If you are interested in helping the Foundation by distributing these labels, please send an email to Carolyn Campbell, AALAS Branch Services Specialist, carolyn.campbell@aalas.org or Sheryl Duncan, AALAS Development Specialist. Include your mailing address and how many sheets of the labels you want for distribution. We will have them on the way to you in less than a week!

Also, if you think there would be value in similar distribution plan for the AALAS Foundation-sponsored note cards, we would be happy to send these to you, too, at a cost discounted by 20%. Your cost would be \$1.80 for a set of 4 note cards. You could pass on the 20% savings to your members as a benefit or used to supplement your branch income. Just let us know how many you want, and will invoice your branch payment before shipping.

Thank you for considering these proposals for increasing our Foundation efforts to reach the public with our message and providing your members with some additional branch membership benefits. - Dennis Stark, AALAS Foundation Board of Directors

Students to Vie for Scholarships at Science Fair

By Dan Sorenson

Several AZAALAS members took part in judging at this and other fairs in the state...if you would like to help out next year, let us know.

The Big Bang of science fairs will be held in Tucson this week

as 1,266 science projects by Southern Arizona school children compete for fame and scholarships at the Tucson Convention Center. "Oh, yeah," said Paula Johnson, "there's two or three volcanos. Our goal is to get kids interested and to stick with science. So, it's hard to tell them they can't." Johnson, deputy director of Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair and a University of Arizona veterinarian, said she got interested in science as a child. "I was lucky. My dad was an engineer with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory working on missiles. I got exposed at an early age."

"The competitors include kindergarten through high school public, private and home-school students from the Mexican border to Casa Grande, said Johnson. She said the fair can take students to the next stage in a science career, sometimes by helping to pay for further education. Among the prizes are several scholarships, some cash awards sponsored by Raytheon and other companies, and a full four-year scholarship to the University of Arizona for a top high school scientist.

The fair will open to the public after 200 judges, including scientists, engineers and mathematicians from around Tucson, complete their rankings of the projects on Tuesday. She said Southern Arizona science fair winners have done exceptionally well over the years in national competition. Two winners from last year's event, Melissa Lamberton and Elizabeth Baker, won national prizes. She said Baker, a University High School student, has been selected by the American Association for the Advancement of Science to

attend the Youth Science Symposium in China this August. And Lamberton, a Pueblo High Magnet School student, won a scholarship to Busch Gardens "Behind the Sea" research facility in Florida.

Besides being able to see the projects in the TCC's Exhibit Hall for free Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Johnson said the public will be able to see and participate in a science, technology and engineering Funfest with 70 booths, many with hands-on exhibits.

(AZ Daily Star, 3/14/04)

SwAEBR is also looking for volunteers to help with essay judging, classroom speakers and sponsors for educational programs.

What is SwAEBR?

The Southwest Association for Education in Biomedical Research (SwAEBR) has been formed with the specific mission of developing and implementing a strong proactive campaign to educate school children, as well as the general public, in the vital role biomedical research plays in their everyday lives. SwAEBR disseminates information necessary to improve the public's understanding of how responsible and humane animal research has led to significantly improved health care for man and his animal companions.

Membership is open to any organization which supports the purposes of SwAEBR, and is involved in at least one of the following endeavors: 1) the conduct of biomedical research, education or testing; 2) the conduct of other scientific research or education, or 3) the

promotion of human or animal health. Institutions may be admitted to the Association by a vote of a majority of the board of directors and upon payment of the financial contribution as established by the board of directors. Each member institution is allowed one official representative and one vote.

Friends of SwAEBR: Individuals may support SwAEBR through honorary membership known as Friends of SwAEBR. Friends are not required to pay dues or entitled to vote, but may make contributions and do have access to all services and programs sponsored by SwAEBR.

How Can You Help?

Provide financial support - For general support, production of educational resources and sponsorship of the summer research internship program.

- C \$25 helps sponsor educational materials for the classroom
- C \$50 sponsors a game for a class of students
- C \$100 thanks teachers for getting their students involved in the essay contest
- C \$250 helps pay for videos to be used by in classrooms
- C \$500 sponsors awards for one of the regional science fairs
- C \$1200 sponsors a student in the summer internship program

Sponsors - SwAEBR is still looking for sponsors for this years' Essay contest. If you are interested in helping to sponsor an essay winner please call (520)621-3931

Act as a science fair mentor or judge - Volunteers are requested for this great experience for mentor and student!

Serve on our speakers bureau - Speakers are requested for classroom and organization presentations. These opportunities educate the public of the purpose, process and remarkable health benefits that basic biomedical research holds for man and animals.

How Will Your Company Benefit?

- Your website will be linked through our actively viewed webpage
- Satisfaction of contributing to the education of promoting an environment in which science and responsible research can flourish.
- Through sponsoring the essay contest winners, your company directly affects the workforce of tomorrow by enhancing their interest in science and technology.

For more information go to www.swaebr.org or swaebr@ahsc.arizona.edu or call (520)621-3931



Summer Fun Event Ideas

We need your input. . . This is your chance to let us know what you want to be doing for the Summer Fun Event! We are looking into having a picnic after the tour or speaker

We have been asked to do some research and this is what we found:

Kartchner Caverns State Park - http://www.pr.state.az.us/Parks/parkhtml/kartchner.html#anchor_tourinfo
P.O. Box 1849, Benson, Arizona 85602 Reservations (520) 586-CAVE (2283) Call 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Directions: The park is located nine miles south, of I-10, off State Hwy 90, exit 302. Park Hours - Open 7 days a week. 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) Reservations taken from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fees - Entrance, camping, and cave tour fees apply. Gift certificates available for purchase. 7-14 years: \$9.95 for rotunda/throne room; \$12.95 for big room; 14+ years: \$18.95; \$22.95; \$5 per car with 2 adults and \$2/adult thereafter.

Park Facilities - Guided cave tours, Discovery Center, interactive displays, theater with video program, gifts shop, restrooms, telephones, food vending machines, lockers, amphitheater; Shaded ramadas and outdoor dining area at the Discovery Center; 62 camping sites with electric hook-ups, water, dump station, restrooms, showers, and flush toilets; Hiking and Walking trails

Cave Tour Information - All tours are guided by a trained tour guide. The cave averages 68°F and 98% humidity year round. All cave trails are barrier-free. Due to wet surfaces and changes in grades, strollers and walkers are not allowed on the tours. Rotunda/Throne Room Tour: Length: 1/2 mile Time: 1 1/2 hr. (leaving approximately every 20 minutes). You will discover the role water has played in the creation of Kartchner Caverns, see some of the tiniest, most delicate formations found in the cave, as well as the largest column in Arizona. This tour includes an up-close look at the variety of formations and colors that makes this cave one of the top ten in the world. *Information for Parents: It is not uncommon for young children, six years and under, to become uncomfortable in the cave environment. In these instances, the child and parent will be allowed to leave the cave tour, for their well-being and safety. Please inquire upon check-in, if you have any concerns.*

Approximate Driving Distances from: Flagstaff - 310 miles (498 km); Phoenix - 160 miles (257 km)

Park Activities - Allow at least three hours for the entire park experience, which includes a cave tour, a walk through the visitor center exhibits, gift shop, and enjoyment of the outdoor scenery.

Kitt Peak National Observatory - <http://www.noao.edu/kpno/>

Hours and Admissions: Visitor Center is open from 9am until 3:45pm, Guided tours begin at 10am, 11:30am, and 1:30pm. A suggested donation of \$2 per person is requested for guided tours Fees: \$36 adult, \$31 students (college students included) and seniors (over 55)

Group Tours - Private tours of Kitt Peak may be scheduled for groups of 15 or more. These docent led tours will begin with a brief introductory talk about Kitt Peak, and then head to one of the following telescopes; the McMath-Pierce solar telescope, the Mayall 4-meter telescope, or the 2.1-meter telescope. Private tours can be scheduled Monday through Friday, beginning at 10:00am, 11:30am, or 1:30pm.

Mountain Information - Kitt Peak is at an elevation of 6,875 feet above sea level. Mountain temps vary considerably from the desert floor by 15 to 20 degrees and it is often windy. For your comfort, the visitor center is heated and cooled during the summer. The drive up the mountain is all on paved roads at a constant grade with guardrails in most places. The 12 mile drive takes you through some of the nicest scenery the Sonoran desert has to offer. There are plenty of pullouts to take photos if you so wish. Please follow the speed limit and watch for road hazards such as rocks or wildlife. The road is maintained by the State of Arizona and is on tribal lands. Any other activities outside of driving and taking photos must be approved by the Tribal Administration Office in Sells and may require a permit 520-318-2028. Allow 90-minutes of driving time from downtown Tucson.

Food & Services - Snacks and beverages may be purchased at the Visitor Center. There are no food services found on the mountain. Feel free to pack a lunch since there are plenty of picnic tables on the summit and a picnic grounds 2 miles away. The visitor center gift shop houses a wide selection of Tohono O'Odham baskets and crafts at excellent prices. We also have a large assortment of Astronomical items, books, images and souvenirs.

Pets - Dogs are allowed as long as they are leashed. Please pick up after your pet. Only service animals are permitted in the buildings.

Accessibility - Persons with cardiac, respiratory, or other altitude related concerns should take proper precautions. A First Aid station is available at the Visitor Center. The visitor center staff will do its best to provide reasonable accessibility to all requesting it. However, many of the telescopes are not accessible by wheel chair. Those wishing to drive to the different telescopes may do so by requesting a special permit which can be provided by visitor center staff. An accessible restroom can be found in the visitor center. The visitor center has two wheel chairs for public use. The use of cell phones on the mountain top is prohibited. Cell phones interfere with the two radio telescopes found on Kitt Peak. Due to the continuing drought in Arizona, all smoking on the mountain has been banned. You are allowed to smoke in your vehicles. Please extinguish your smoking material in your ashtray.

MT. LEMMON - We are looking into getting a speaker on the Effects of Wildfires on Wildlife from Game & Fish or the Forestry Service. Though some areas are closed due to the wildfires last year, a venue for our event is available - http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/recreation/accessible_recreation/mt_lemmon/mt_lemmon.html

A drive to Mt. Lemmon along Sky Island Scenic Byway offers breathtaking vistas, incredible rock formations, and cool temperatures. The route has biological diversity similar to a drive from Mexico to Canada in a short 25 miles, beginning in the Sonoran desert and climbing through grassland, oak woodland, ponderosa pine forest, and mixed conifer forest. The mountain offers year-round recreation; the lower elevations being most popular in the winter, and high elevations most popular in the summer. Wildlife abounds, and visitors frequently see squirrels, deer, and a variety of birds. The village of Summerhaven offers lodging, dining, and shops. Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley offers wintertime skiing and a scenic sky ride the remainder of the year. The route begins at an elevation of 3,000 ft. The top of Mt. Lemmon is 9,157 ft.

Season: Sky Island Scenic Byway is open year round except for during and immediately following winter snowstorms. Rose Canyon, Spencer Canyon, and Showers Point Group Campgrounds are open approx. April 15 through October 15. Palisades Visitor Information Center is open 7 days a week in summer, Friday-Sunday the remainder of the year.

Fees: Fee for day use along Byway. No fee for non-stop travel to Summerhaven, Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley, organization camps, and private cabins. Fee for ski lift. Fee for camping or picnicking in developed campgrounds (14 day stay limit). Fee for parking at Rose Canyon lake.

Facilities: The Santa Catalina Mountains offer a wide variety of recreation facilities and settings. There are 5 campgrounds, 9 picnic areas, 7 vista points, a visitor center, a ski area, numerous trails, and a lake. The village of Summerhaven is located on private land at the end of the Scenic Byway. From central Tucson, drive east on Broadway to Houghton. Turn left (north) and drive 4 miles to Catalina Highway. Turn right (east) and drive onto the Coronado National Forest and up into the mountains.

Accessible Facilities

Molino Basin Rest Stop and Trailhead: (milepost 4.6, elev. 4,400 ft.) Located in an oak woodland. Paved parking area, designated parking space, concrete walkways, accessible restroom. No water.

Palisades Visitor Center and Trailhead: (milepost 19.9, elev. 7,100 ft.) Located in a ponderosa pine forest. The visitor center has a paved parking area, a designated parking space, an accessible ramp down a viewing deck, and concrete walkways. Inside the visitor center is a drinking fountain, an accessible restroom, a staffed information counter, and exhibits. Visitor Center hours vary by season (call 520-749-8700 for information). The trailhead across the highway has a paved parking area, a designated parking space, and an accessible restroom.

Inspiration Rock Picnic Area: (milepost 23.5, elev. 7,900 ft.) Located in a ponderosa pine forest. One fully accessible picnic site with accessible parking, a table, and a pedestal grill. No water. Restroom is not accessible.

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley: (Elev. 8,330 ft.) Located in a mixed-conifer forest. Open year-round, for skiing when there is snow and as a scenic sky ride the remainder of the year. Paved parking; no designated spaces. The sky ride can be used by visitors with wheelchairs who can negotiate a single step at the parking lot and can transfer themselves into the chair lift seat. There is a fee to ride the lift. Call (520) 576-1321 for more information.

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