



# 2007-2008

*December Meeting Notice*

## Minnesota Geotechnical Society

### Exploring the Lakes of Western Mongolia

Dr. Jim Almendinger, Senior Scientist, St. Croix Watershed Research Station

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Western Mongolia is an arid, stony, and nearly treeless expanse of mountains and plains sparsely populated by the descendents of Ghengis Khan, leader of the ancient Mongol superpower. In the summers of 2004 and 2005, researchers at the Science Museum of Minnesota led a small international team of biologists and geologists to survey the lakes and springs of the region for their water quality and hydrobiology. A wide range of aquatic habitats were sampled, from montane freshwater pools to large, saline basins in hydrologically closed tectonic depressions. We'll review some basic Mongolian geography and history, show some slides of the Mongolian landscape and life in the field during the expeditions, and discuss some of the results gradually being uncovered by the data analysis.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 12, 2007

**Location:** Majors Sports Café  
2801 Snelling Ave  
Roseville, MN

**Time: 6:00** Social Hour

**7:00** Dinner – Salad, Rolls, Coffee/Soda and a choice of:

1. St Louis Style BBQ Ribs– Slow Roasted- Half rack served with French fries and Coleslaw
2. Feta Cheese and Sun-Dried Tomato Stuffed Walleye - Served over white cheddar mashed potatoes with a drizzle of lemon thyme butter sauce.
3. Seared Chicken Parmesan
4. Manicotti – Fresh Pasta tubes filled with ricotta, mozzarella and parmesan cheeses. Baked in marinara sauce and finished with melted mozzarella.

**8:00** Presentation – Dr. Jim Almendinger, Senior Scientist at the St. Croix Watershed Research Station  
(One professional development hour toward continuing education requirements for Professional Engineers is available).

**Cost:** \$25.00 members, \$30.00 non-members, and \$5.00 Full-time students, payable to MGS at the door.

**Reservations:** Requested by 12 Noon, Friday, December 7, 2007.

Please register via the website at <http://www.mngeotechnicalsociety.com/eventsmpls.asp> or call Paul Martin to indicate your dinner selection. Paul may be reached by phone: (651) 487-7084

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