

**Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME)
San Francisco Section**

**Field Trip to U.S. Borax Mine
Boron, California**

February 12-13, 2000

All SME members, friends, any people interested in rocks & minerals (rock hounds), and especially teachers, K-12, are invited to travel on a two day field trip to the U.S. Borax Mine, Boron, California, by air conditioned bus. This is an educational field trip with emphasis on family participation and will be an exciting learning experience for all.

The transportation cost of this round-trip excursion is just \$25.00 for each participant. Overnight lodging and meals will be the responsibility of each individual.

Tentative plans are as follows:

- ♦ Depart at 8:00 am from the Caltrain Station at 4th and Townsend in San Francisco, California, with an additional pick-up stop at the Kaiser Building, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California. Another stop will be made in Stockton, California, to pick-up SME-Sierra Nevada Section members, friends, teachers and rock hounds.
- ♦ Arrive in Bakersfield, California, for guided tour of the California Well Sample Repository at California State University, Bakersfield. Free core samples will be available.
- ♦ Arrive later in the afternoon in Tehachapi, California, for overnight stay. Preliminary estimate for lodging is approximately \$53.00, with queen bed and other amenities.
- ♦ Depart at 8:00 am to Boron, California. Take guided tour of the U.S. Borax Mine which includes all the free mineral specimens you can pack into a bag! U.S. Borax will provide lunch. Necessary safety items such as hard hats and safety glasses will also be provided.
- ♦ Arrive California Portland Cement Plant, Mojave, California, for guided tour and free specimens. All safety items will be provided by California Portland Cement Company.
- ♦ Depart for return trip to the Bay Area.

For planning purposes a personal check or money order made to Joe Hanzel in the amount of \$25.00 must be received by February 7, 2000. Send to- Joe Hanzel, P.O. Box 60765, Palo Alto, California 94306. For further information about the field trip contact Joe Hanzel at- (650) 604-0265.