

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED NOW FOR BETHSAIDA ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

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BILLINGS – Applications are being accepted now for people interested in joining Rocky Mountain College’s trip to the Bethsaida (Israel) archaeological dig June 2-18, 2012.

Lost for almost two thousand years, the site of Bethsaida was discovered in 1987. Rocky Mountain College joined the consortium of colleges supporting the dig in 1993.

Unearthed in that times have been the largest city gates ever found in Israel dating back to the time of King David.

“Bethsaida is a town frequently associated with the ministry of Jesus and was home to five of the apostles. Buildings and artifacts found here are throwing light on early Christianity. It is one of the most important archaeological digs going on today,” said Dr. Elizabeth McNamer, Rocky Mountain College assistant professor, religious thought.

Dr. McNamer heads the annual trip. This year RMC art professor Mark Moak and his wife, Rhett Moak, an RMC adjunct art instructor, are also guiding the trip.

Participants work daily at the site helping unearth new areas, and also may attend lectures and join other field trips.

The cost for the trip is \$3,995.00, which includes air travel from Billings, full room and board, transportation to and from the site, and tours while in Israel, including three days in Jerusalem. A nonrefundable deposit (unless the trip is cancelled) of \$500 is due Jan. 9, 2012. Final payment of \$3,495.00 is due March 5, 2012.

“The important thing right now is they must apply first,” Dr. McNamer said. “Anyone interested needs to do that right away.”

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