



## Fossil Discovery Center

# Family Fieldtrip Day, Sat. October 13, 2012

See local ice-age fossils in the museum, watch a cool film,  
and do some fossil digging!

Meet at the museum entrance at 11:00am, bring a sack lunch  
if you like. Drive your car (about 74miles), or ask to carpool.

**All are welcome.** Please rsvp by Oct. 11  
so we can give the museum a final count.

Contact Mr. Eisman Rm. 18 or call Mrs. Eisman 848-0274

The San Joaquin Valley Paleontology Foundation was formed in 1996 after the discovery of the Fairmead Fossils in Madera County, California. The Fairmead Fossils are found at the Madera County landfill, which is located in the small town of Fairmead just south of Chowchilla. These fossils were first discovered when a scraper was moving dirt and the alert equipment operator noticed some unusual coloration of the soil. Investigation revealed a complete fossil of a Columbian Mammoth tusk, which was dated at approximately 500,000 years old. In a short time, scientists realized that the landfill was located on one of the most significant fossil beds discovered from the Pleistocene period (Ice Age).

[www.maderamammoths.org](http://www.maderamammoths.org)

### FDC of Madera Co.

19450 Ave. 21 1/2

Chowchilla, CA

559-665-7107

### FDC Hours

9 am – 4 pm

Tues. - Sunday

Adults \$6 Students \$7

(Student price includes  
the cost of the dig)