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From David Spooner, BSA Program Director  
To: All members of Botany & Mycology 2009  
Participating Societies

We are looking forward to the Botany and Mycology 2009, held this year in Snowbird Utah, July 25-29, 2009

This year's meeting offers a variety of informative and fun activities in one of the most beautiful areas of the world. It offers cost-effective options for housing.

Some of the highlights include:

- 17 field trip options, before, during, and after the meeting, ranging from short morning wildflower forays to full-day trips, focusing on a variety of topics from flowering plants to ferns to lichens to ecology to fungi to paleobotany.
- 12 half-day symposia conveniently spaced over mornings and afternoons on Monday to Wednesday, discussing plants to fungi, form and function, evolutionary topics using DNA sequence data to genomic approaches, and ecological topics.
- Workshops from Saturday-Monday (most on Sunday) ranging from data analysis of molecular and ecological data, to conservation issues, to herbarium techniques, to plant identification, to information on virtual libraries, to educational topics.
- Hundreds of individual talks and posters on every topic you can imagine.
- Society business meetings and banquets and social events allowing you to catch up on what's going on in your group and allowing you to make new colleagues and friends.
- Special talks such as this year's plenary speaker, noted ethnobotanist Nancy Turner who will speak on "Bringing the Food Back Home: Plants, Algae, Lichens and Fungi in the Food Traditions of Indigenous Cascadia."

And what a place for a meeting!

Our conference center is a set of beautiful buildings set in the Watsash mountain range outside of Salt Lake City, surrounded by high upland peaks. The area is a popular tourist setting for skiers during the winter. We have reserved the entire complex for ourselves during this year's meeting. We have secured great rates for the rooms, many of which can house multiple persons, some in lofts, offering opportunities for extremely cost-effective housing opportunities for families and groups who may wish to room together. We also have a shuttle service set up from the airport to the Mountain....make arrangements when you reserve your room.

Make sure you submit your abstracts by the deadline - April 1st  
The early registration deadline, to save significantly is June 30th

Consult the conference website [www.2009.botanyconference.org](http://www.2009.botanyconference.org) for more details about the meeting and how to submit abstracts, and to register and to secure housing.

See you in Snowbird!

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