



## September 2025 Newsletter

### Crustaceans and Our Creator



Joel Thomas

**Sept. 20th at 9:00 AM**

Join us for a close up, **family friendly** look at crabs of the Pacific Northwest and the unique abilities they have to survive in the niche God made them to fill. In the first half of the presentation we will dissect a crab to study the internal and external anatomy together. After a short break we will dive into a study of local crab species, with live specimens. From giant claws for pinching, to spidery legs for gripping, you'll be amazed at the variety of crabs seen off the Oregon Coast.

This presentation will be family focused for all ages!

**Joel Thomas** has been teaching science since 2000. He taught for a period of time in a formal classroom setting, then

moved outside to direct outdoor school programs on the Oregon Coast. After nearly 10 years he started Glen's Gizmos alongside his wife Roxanna and they have been blessed to travel and teach together. Recently they started the Creation Calling Homeschool Hubs in Vancouver, WA and Newberg, OR. They now serve homeschoolers in the Pacific Northwest and beyond through classes, boat trips, scuba diving, videos, curriculum, and outdoor school programs.

Our meeting starts at **9:00 AM Saturday, Sept. 20** at Greater Portland Bible Church, [2374 SW Vermont St.](#)

For those who cannot attend in person, the meeting will also be livestreamed from a link on our website at <https://designscencenw.org/livestream>

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**Please let your church know about the  
October Creation Conference**



The [Institute for Creation Research](#) is holding a creation conference in the Portland area and we need to get word out to local churches to let their congregations know about it!

ICR has produced very nice flyers and a [video](#) promoting the conference. Can you please ask your pastor or church elders to contact us at DSA for access to those materials?

They may email us at [info@designscencenw.org](mailto:info@designscencenw.org)

The conference is **Friday** evening **October 17** and all day **Saturday October 18** at **Southwest Bible Church** at [14605 SW Weir Road, Beaverton](#). More details along with registration (needed) for the conference are at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/portland-creation/>

A nominal fee is payable to ICR to register for this conference. For DSA attendees, you may use the **promo code** DSA10 to save 10%. If you are able to help as a **volunteer** at

the conference, then see below for a different **promo code**.

ICR is incurring significant **financial expense** in flying multiple scientists and staff out here for this conference. DSA is contributing to only a portion of that expense and if you would like to share in that, please attach a note with your donation at our September meeting, or for an [online donation](#), please let us know by [email](#) that you would like your donation ear-marked for the conference. Thank you for your support. We believe and are praying that this conference will be a great encouragement for the local Christian community that the Holy Bible **IS** true and accurate in **ALL** details of creation!

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## **Also, volunteers are needed for the conference**

ICR scientists and other speakers are coming from Dallas, Texas for the conference but DSA is providing the volunteers. **Your help is needed!** Please pray about in what role you may be able to serve:

**Greeter**

**Registration**

**Book Sales**

**Lunch/Snack Tables**

Volunteers need to both register with ICR for attending the conference and then also let us know at DSA that you are volunteering. You may register with ICR at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/portland-creation/> using the **promo code** PACCVOLUNTEER (for volunteers only).

And then let us know by filling out a response form at [www.designsciencenw.org/volunteer](http://www.designsciencenw.org/volunteer) Times and details of the conference are on there too.

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## Creation Encounter Update



Of the three remaining field trips this season, two have already filled up. **Space is still available** for the Saturday, Oct 11 Creation Mysteries of the Columbia Gorge trip.

For more information and to sign up, see <https://www.creationencounter.com/tours>

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## Please note, regarding our October Meeting

The ICR Creation Conference **will be in place of** our regular **October** meeting - NOT this month's, but **next month's** meeting - this year and at a **different location**. Please see details and the link above for the location and times. Thank you

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Check out DSA's website <https://DesignScienceNW.org> for additional events.

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