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(To Walt, Cindy, Deb, Laura and Mom)

Anyone up for some canyon camping and hiking? I've signed up for a trip Oct 15-20 with Escalante Canyon Outfitters in Utah. Their website is www.ecohike.com. They do about a dozen different hikes, spring to fall. You hike 5 or 6 miles to the base camp, and then strike out on various day hikes from there. There are some great photos on the website. The trip I signed up for costs \$1350. I'll have to fly to Las Vegas or Salt Lake City and then rent a car to drive the 300 or 250 miles to Boulder, Utah. I tried to get a friend here in Lansing to go with me, but he's been having health problems. I asked Tom and Amy, but they don't think they'd like to camp (this is easy camping; you provide only your sleeping bag and they prepare the meals). Let me know if you are interested.

Tom has quit the Church of Scientology. Here's what he said in an email addressed to Amy and me yesterday:

I'm planning on bringing Kelli and the kids to Boulder [Colorado] some time in June, and then to Michigan in July or Aug.

I left the cult about a month ago. Someone pissed me off enough that I figured it was time to quit, and then I started reading web sites critical of the cult (which we're not supposed to do because they are written by "criminal" "SPs") which made sense out of things that had bothered me for awhile, as well as firmly established for me that it's built on lies and does truly evil things. So I left them a note saying I quit and leave me alone or I'll take any necessary legal action, and they've left me alone. I'll be declared an SP soon but I'm not worried about it because as far as I can tell it is only people who are publicly critical of the cult who get the Fair Game treatment. You and Amy may have read all you want to about it, but if you're interested, the 2 main web sites I've looked over are XENU.NET and LERMANET.COM. Kelli's read pretty much the same stuff so she's out too, and Witni was already sick of it so she was merely relieved.

The dental office that Kelli works for is owned by Scientologists, and they are going to fire her as soon as I get declared. She is looking forward to collecting unemployment for awhile, and a possible lawsuit since her firing will definitely be illegal. I'm also considering demanding my money back from the org (at least \$20,000), but this may require a legal

threat that I may not be able to back up.