Occasionally I resort to one of our several encyclopedias when I want an overview of a subject. I have noticed a pattern, especially in their animal articles. Recently I was interested in a few facts about salmon. Britannica tells us:

- Salmon are in the Order Salmoniformes, composed of a group of 37 families, an unspecified and apparently unknown number of genera and 1000 species, which even include the ones you know about, like the Pacific, Atlantic and Coho salmon, some you wouldn’t guess, like pike and trout, and some you’ve never heard of, including ones scientists have only seen in pickle jars.

[In case your zoology is rusty, “Order” and “Species” are terms in an effort devised by Linnaeus to “classify” all life. He felt he should be able to identify the created kinds, and that, since God “is a God of order,” he organized all creatures in orderly hierarchies. Disciples of this idea thus require that, when God created a whale, He had to be thinking “mammal” rather than “I think I’ll build a marine creature (or fish) and use some structures like I used in dogs.”] Evolutionists perverted Linnaeus’ intent for classification (also systematics, taxonomy). Rather than seeking the created kinds taxonomy is now an endless game of drawing inverted trees vainly attempting to relate all life forms back to a single cell. Twenty different definitions of “Species” are now used, mostly to help taxonomists get articles in science journals. And now... Back to Britannica:

- Salmoniformes evolved about 100,000,000 years ago and are now believed to be important to fish evolution.
- The old classification [done by very few men], has been discarded in favor of a new one [done by very few men]. This new “classification is provisional and may be subject to extensive changes.” Furthermore, Salmoniformes are not even a “definitive taxonomic category but rather an assemblage of diverse fishes possessing several primitive anatomical features representative of a early stage in the evolution of modern bony fishes.” [In other words, “The ‘Order’ is meaningless.”]
- Trouts, salmons, chars, whitefishes... “Are the most widely know, [for their] famed sporting qualities, excellent taste and economic importance.” [thus began and ended the information that might be of interest or value to a human being].
- Salmoniformes vary in almost every characteristic. Some lay very small eggs, some very large [generalizations, few facts]. Some migrate, some don’t. Some are fresh water, some salt, some both. Some live in shallow water, some in mid-depth, some in deep. We don’t know anything about the deep ones. Mature size ranges from one inch to 7 feet and 110 pounds.
- Some have enormous dagger-like teeth, some have no backbone near the head. Some have soft, flaccid, or gelatin-like, bodies enabling them to swallow fish as large as themselves. Fin location varies from close to the head to almost part of the tail.

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**Astronomy Safari**
- **April 20, 2001** 8:00 ~~ 10:00PM
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- **April 21-22, 2001**

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- **May 25 - 28 (Memorial Day Weekend), 2001**
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- **July 20, 2001** 8:30 ~ 10:30PM
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**KU Natural History Museum**
- **July 21, 2001** 9:00AM - 4:00PM
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**Astronomy Safari**
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- **September 14, 2001** 7:25 - 9:15PM
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**Astronomy Safari**
- **October 12, 2001** 7:15 - 9:15PM
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- **October 27, 2001** 9:00AM ~ 6:00PM
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- **November 16, 2001** 7:15 - 9:15PM
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