



The Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City, Inc.

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Dear Educators,

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A unique opportunity for a first hand encounter with the world of geology, art, and craftsmanship is offered each year at the Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Association of Earth Science Clubs. On March 10, 11, and 12, 2017, we will be presenting one of the best shows ever - the 56th Annual Show at the **KCI EXPO CENTER**, 11730 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, Missouri. The hours are **Friday, 10:00 AM** – 8:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM; and Sunday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. We are trying to get our future geologists, gemologists, "rockhounds", and craftsmen hooked and our Friday fieldtrip attendance up, so I am sending this out early for planning purposes. We hope you plan on bringing your kids to our field day!

We will have many special exhibits. Area colleges, universities, and association clubs' members will display unique specimens and collections of fossils, gems, geodes, minerals, rocks, stones, and handcrafted jewelry items. Skilled craftsmen will be demonstrating beading, chain making, faceting, flint napping (arrowhead making), lampworking (glass bead making), lapidary (gem carving, cabochon cutting, sphere making), silversmithing, tool making, wax molding, and wire wrapping. You can check our website closer to the show to find out more.

We wish to invite educators to plan field trips to the show. Youth groups (of at least 10) and classes of all ages and sizes, accompanied by adult leadership, one adult to every 10 students, will be welcome Friday, March 10, 2017, for a group rate of \$1.00 per student. The hours **Friday are 10:00 AM** – 8:00 PM. Chaperones are admitted free of charge and are asked to stay with their groups. There will be a door prize drawing just for kids again this year. There is the Up, Up and Away Café ready to serve the students. An average burger, chips, and soda will run about \$6.50 or you may bring sack lunches and eat them in a designated room.

There is a large area for shopping and there are some items available at most of the vendors priced for students to purchase. There is a swap area with many items reasonably priced, especially for students. The Association Booth has many things priced for kids.

If you are planning to attend the show, you will need to PRE-REGISTER, as there are a few things I need to know:

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| What is the name of your school? | What is your school address? |
| Who is the teacher that will be in charge? | How many students will be coming? |
| How many chaperones will be with the group? | What day do you plan on coming? |
| How many "classroom" teachers with your group? | What time do you plan on arriving? |
| Do you plan on eating lunch at the show or will your students be bringing their lunches? | |

Please send me this information by e-mail to threetrails@sbcglobal.net.

There are also a few things that I need to let you know:

Our Friday hours have changed, we don't open until 10:00 AM.

All money for entrance fees needs to be paid in a lump sum at the door. Students are \$1.00 and chaperones are free.

There must be **ONE** chaperone for every **TEN** students. Students must stay with their chaperones.

Students need name tags with their names and the name of School.

There will be many items for sale; students might want to bring money.

As an educator, you will be pleasantly surprised at the quality and value of the experience we provide for the young people to learn about and appreciate our "Earth Treasures." Visit our web site at <http://www.kcgemshow.org>. I hope to see you at the Show. Thank you for your cooperation in all matters!

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