



Houston Gem and Mineral Society

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Dear _____,

We have received your registration for ____ students. We have you scheduled to come at _____. You have chosen to receive a_____.

The Houston Gem and Mineral Society is pleased that you are participating in this year's "School Daze" earth science program at the HGMS annual show.

You can download lesson plans and activities from our Web site and then participate in a grade and age-appropriate scavenger hunt at the show. We will provide scavenger hunt questions for all students and scavenger hunt maps. The scavenger hunt maps will be color coded to match balloons placed throughout our event. This will help provide a fun and easy way to make your way through our event.

Both the scavenger hunts and maps will be available online to review or download should you wish to prepare for the lesson. If you prefer printing out copies of the scavenger hunt and maps for your students, please let us know, otherwise we will have them ready for you upon check-in.

Knowing that homeschool parents are very active in their child's education, we expect a high turnout of parents with their children. Please note that our offer of free admission is applicable only to one adult per homeschool family bringing children. There will be tickets for sale at the registration booth for additional adults. Normal pricing applies; \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors 55 and older. One ticket is good for all three days of the show.

The registration table and entrance for **Homeschool School Daze** is on the **West** side of the building. **Note: If you arrive before 1 p.m., you must park in the EAST parking lot.** This is because public school busses may continue to drop off students at the West entrance until 1 p.m.

Check in with a minimum of fuss: If you are part of a group, please have only your group leader check in when arriving at the show. This prevents congestion at the registration table. The group leader will receive the packet for the entire group. It would be a good idea to arrange a meeting place for large groups. If you are part of a large group but are attending individually, please know the name of the group and the leader.

There is an event survey attached to this e-mail. Please fill this survey out toward the end of your visit with us. Hand it in to our attendant upon exiting at our **EAST** exit.

If you are part of a group, please have the group leader check out. At that time, the group leader will be given the polished stones for your entire group and any rock kits you may have reserved. ***Please note that, if possible, we would like your children to show us their completed scavenger hunts as they leave prior to being awarded your rock kit. This allows us to verify that all children are actively participating in the earth science lesson.

This year HGMS is offering teachers the opportunity to purchase science and geography-based educational materials from the Ring of Fire collection. We have a limited supply available this year, and items will be sold on a first come – first serve basis.

Information about these materials can be found on our Web site at:

http://hgms.org/client_youth/Books-RingOfFireBrochureNoOrderForm.pdf

The order form can be found at:

http://hgms.org/client_youth/RingOfFirePublicationsOrderForm.pdf

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. We are looking forward to seeing you and your students at the show.

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