



## Houston Gem and Mineral Society

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Thank you for registering for our upcoming HGMS School Daze event. We look forward to having you, your volunteers, and students attending our event this year.

**Location:** Humble Civic Center on Will Clayton Pkwy

**Arrival/Departure:** Please have your **buses** enter the Civic Center, make a left turn and follow the drive to the WEST Entrance. If your buses stay with you all day, parking is free in the back lot. If they do not stay, have the buses report to the **EAST** entrance to load in the afternoon. They need to be pointed toward Will Clayton Parkway to exit smoothly. All buses will leave from the **EAST** entrance.

Children must be supervised at all times. They are not allowed to wander the event freely. Please inform all volunteers and teachers with your group of the need to **enter on the west side** of the building and **exit on the east side** of the building. Our event is open to the general public during our School Daze event, so please be aware that there may be crowds during different times of our event.

**Lunch:** Should your students be attending prior to lunch time and they plan to eat lunch on the premises, we have areas available outside for good weather and in the arena area during wet weather. Please bring any necessary blankets for eating outside. Lunches should remain on your bus until your scheduled lunch time. If your bus will not be staying, all lunches should be placed in a large trash bag labeled with your school name until your scheduled lunch time.

**We recommend** that **students all wear the same color shirt**, bring clipboards and pencils, and be ready for a fun and enjoyable visit at our event. We also ask that volunteers **do not bring noise makers such as whistles**. We will have paid attendees and many other schools attending the event, and the noise will only cause confusion.

Please ensure that the volunteers or teachers who arrive with the students know their school name and the contact name you have given us. That will make for an easy check-in should they get separated from the main group.

We will provide scavenger hunt questions for all students and scavenger hunt maps for **your** volunteers. The scavenger hunt maps will be color coded to match balloons placed throughout our event, ensuring a fun and easy way to make your way through our show.

Both the scavenger hunts and maps will be available online for review and download should you wish to prepare for the lesson. If you prefer printing out in advance copies of the scavenger hunt

and maps for your students and volunteers, please let us know. Otherwise we will have them ready for you upon check-in.

Attached with this e-mail will be an event survey. Please fill out this survey toward the end of your visit with us. Hand it in to our attendant upon exiting at our **EAST** exit. Upon our receipt of this survey, you will receive your requested mineral or fossil kit(s) or both.

This year HGMS is offering our 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. We will be attaching an order form with this e-mail and more information will be available at the HGMS Web site. <http://www.hgm.org>

Thank you for attending our event, and we look forward to having an entertaining and educational time with you and your students.

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