Thank you for your interest in the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's Juniors Program. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings or events.

FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA PROGRAM

ROCKS & MINERALS	EARTH IN SPACE
EARTH RESOURCES	GOLD PANNING & PROSPECTING
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COLLECTING	ROCKING ON THE COMPUTER
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COMMUNICATIONS	SPECIAL EFFECTS
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LEADERSHIP	REACHING ACROSS GENERATIONS
EARTH PROCSSES	MAPS



https://www.juniors.amfed.org/fra-badge-program/the-badges

STEPS TO BECOME A MEMBER

Complete an application, available on request or on the club website at www.lincolngemmineralclub.org. The link to a printable application and an option to complete an online application can be found on the Home page under Membership Dues.

Submit the application and dues to the Treasurer or any Board Member.

Dues: $20 per adult (age 16 and up), no more than $30 per household. Juniors must have a member adult.

We look forward
to YOU JOINING
our club!

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JUNIORS PROGRAM

One of the goals of Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club ("LGMC") is to reach out to children who have an interest in Earth Sciences (rocks, minerals, fossils, artifacts). We use an organized and fun program that allows learning using a hands-on approach.

MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through May. Exceptions are the January meeting that follows the Mid-Winter Swap which is usually held on the third Sunday of January at the Lincoln Firefighters Reception Hall located at 241 Victory Lane; and the December meeting which is held the first Sunday of December at the Bethany Park Shelter House located on Vine Street between Cotner Blvd. and 66th Street, and includes a Christmas party, a potluck supper, and an awards ceremony prior to the meeting. Please check our website for meeting updates as they occasionally change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Junior activities begin at 6:15 p.m.

TEACHING LGMC'S JUNIORS

1. Juniors range in ages 6 through 15 years. Each meeting has a short lesson which is taught in an age-appropriate manner, so it is understandable to each child. The older children are encouraged to help the younger ones.
2. Upon joining, each junior is given an empty specimen kit. Following each lesson, a specimen is provided to add to their kit.
3. Our youth leaders use a 223-page curriculum devised by Jim Brace-Thompson, which is sponsored by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies ("AFMS"). Each junior receives a Future Rockhound of America badge when starting the program. The curriculum is divided into 20 units. Each junior must complete at least three sections of each unit to earn a badge in that unit. After completing six units, the student is promoted to Rockhound. If all 20 units are completed, the junior receives a cloisonné pin for "Rock Stars".
4. An important aspect of teaching the Juniors is to provide specimens of the subject being studied. This is part of the curriculum and something the children look forward to as it helps them build their own collections. Club members donate specimens, or support the Juniors' budget, to pay for what must be purchased.
5. Junior members are encouraged to participate in all club activities. Each child earns a club credit of $1 for each activity attended. The credit can then be used at the Mid-Winter Rock Swap, Summer Gem Fest, or the Show to purchase items for their collections.
6. One of the fun events for many of the Juniors is the Mid-Winter Rock Swap held the third Sunday in January. They can set up a booth to sell hobby-related items, or they can help with running the Swap.
7. In March of each year, the Juniors participate in the Annual Science and Engineering Fair, sponsored by Lincoln Public Schools. LGMC Juniors provide entertaining and educational demonstrations for students in grades 5-8 as they are waiting for their science projects to be judged. We demonstrate lapidary, have a "gem dig", and answer lots of questions! Most years we engage with over 700 science students at this event.
8. The biggest event is the annual Gem & Mineral Show at the Sandhills Global Event Center held the first full weekend in April. All Juniors are encouraged to work at least part of one day at the Juniors' Booth. They help visitors with many popular activities, including the Gem Dig and spinning the wheel of fortune for prizes. Each junior is also encouraged to work on an individual display or a group display to earn the Showmanship badge.
9. Occasional Rock Parties are where members share their hobby-related skills with other members. This event is hosted at the various homes/businesses of individual members. A potluck meal begins the fun. Juniors are encouraged to attend to receive one-on-one instruction.
10. Field trips are an activity that all members enjoy. Juniors are encouraged to participate so they can socialize, add to their collections, travel to exciting collecting areas, and form special friendships.
11. Paid membership entitles automatic enrollment in the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies (MWF) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

Check the website for up-to-date information.

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