

Future Rockhounds of America Program

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB JUNIORS CLUB. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT ONE OF OUR MEETINGS OR EVENTS.

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<http://www.facebook.com/groups/223555904325876/>

STEPS TO BECOME A MEMBER

1. Complete an Application, available on request or on the club website at www.lincolngemmineralclub.org. A printable application can be found under "About, General Information", or you can complete an online application under "About, Membership Application".
2. Attend a meeting.
3. Receive Board approval.
4. Pay dues.

Dues: \$20 per adult (age 16 and up), \$30 for two adults in household, and \$3 for each child. Each child must be accompanied by a responsible adult. NO DROP OFFS ALLOWED.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO 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, except for January and December. The January meeting usually follows the Mid-Winter Swap which is held on the fourth Saturday of January. The December meeting is usually held the first Sunday of December, and includes a potluck supper and awards ceremony prior to the meeting.

Junior activities begin at 5:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Bethany Park Shelter House located on Vine Street near the Cotner Blvd. intersection.

TEACHING LGMC'S JUNIORS

1. The Juniors range in age between 6 and 15 years. The lessons are taught in an age-appropriate manner so they are understandable to each child. The older children are encouraged to help the younger ones.
2. 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".
3. 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.
4. Junior members are encouraged to participate in all club activities. Each child earns a "Monkey Buck" for each activity attended. The "Bucks" can then be used at the Mid-Winter Rock Swap or the Show to purchase items for their collections.
5. One of the fun events for many of the Juniors is the Mid-Winter Rock Swap held the fourth Saturday in January. They can set up a booth to sell hobby-related items or they can help out with running the Swap.
6. In March of each year, the Juniors participate in the Annual Science Fair, sponsored in part 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.
7. The biggest event is the annual LGMC Show at the Lancaster 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, Rock Races, spinning the wheel of fortune for prizes, and playing Plinko. Each junior is also encouraged to work on an individual display or a group display in order to earn the Showmanship badge.
8. Monthly 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 in order to receive one-on-one instruction.
9. 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 collection areas, and form special friendships.
10. LGMC Juniors are involved in the AFMS Patricia Egolf Rock Pals Program. Juniors exchange local specimens with other junior clubs across the country. This is an easy way to increase their collections, and make new rock friends.
11. Paid membership entitles automatic enrollment in the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) and the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (MWF). Other memberships include the Nebraska Academy of Sciences and the American Lands Access Association (ALAA).