

## CAMP CREEK THRESHERS ANNUAL SHOW

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The weekend of July 19 and 20, a few of LGMC's members volunteered in the Rock Room at this event. Brett thanks Mike and Donitte Stiles, Ed Ridge, and Jim and Sharon Marburger for spending all day both days to bring joy to some kids. He also thanks Patrick O'Brien and daughters Chloe and Gracie for offering some relief to whoever needed a break. Although the weather brought us heat and humidity, lots of people attended the event. Brett was kind enough to provide small air conditioning units in the building so we stayed fairly comfortable.

Eddie brought a variety of different stones and minerals to display and allow some hands-on activity. His booth was next to the door so he kept count of the attendees coming into the building.



Donitte kept the kids busy at the Gem Dig. There were many "ohs" and "look what I found" noises coming from that area. As you can see in the picture, there were many happy faces.

Mike manned the fluorescent booth, aweing many with his glowing rocks. It was thrilling to hear the oohs, ahhs, oh mans, WOWs, and other exclamations of wonder.



A poll taken of the passport kids revealed the Rock Room was the best part of the event!



Jim displayed different types of tumblers and answered many questions. Each person stopping by the table was awarded a tumbled stone of their choice. This also brought a lot of excitement.

Sharon ran a sphere machine and displayed her first four attempts at making spheres. The story of how one takes a rock, cubes it, then makes 45 degree angle cuts, followed by grinding off the sharp edges before the rock can be put in the sphere machine was told more times than could be counted. Many people stood mesmerized, watching the ball spin around and around.

Patrick (far left), Chloe, and Gracie gave Eddie a break by taking over counting the visitors arriving and stamping the kids' "passports". Kids were encouraged to tour the entire event and collect stamps on their passport. Upon completion, the Threshers allowed them to pick out two tumbled stones and a selection of stickers, and handed out popsicles to help beat the heat.



Brett ran all over the event, helping out where needed and putting out fires. He very graciously bought lunch for all us volunteers. The food was delicious and appreciated.

Brett provided rock displays for the Rock Room. Below is a picture of his beautiful, end polished petrified limb casts, all lined up and stacked.



There was some excitement during Friday setup when three mice and a snake were scared up. Mike was able to capture the snake and release it gently outside.



Check out this cool U.V. reactive specimen, marmathite, which is an iron rich sphalerite. This specimen is from Viet Nam.



See what fun you can have by volunteering at events?