

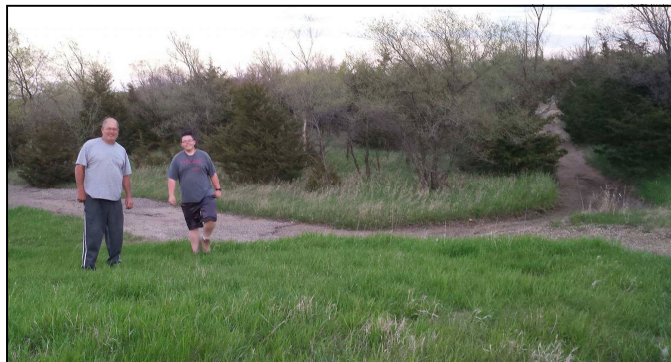
FIELD TRIP TO BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

by Jayne Beer (photos by Jayne)

Let me tell you a little about our adventure to Brainerd, Minnesota. For months we thought that we wouldn't be able to go. Then a couple days before the show, we just decided that we were GOING. Let me tell you, it was a BLAST! We went agate picking on Friday. We didn't find much but it was still so fun to go out. Saturday and Sunday were both gem show days. There were so many vendors there. MANY, MANY, MANY LAKERS; Corey was in Heaven! We went to the Midwest Federation meeting on Saturday, joining LGMC members Jim and Sharon Marburger and Wooly. Let me share a few pics with you.



It was fun to hear, "Laker!!" sound across the fields—not just once, but multiple times.



Brian and Corey having a great time looking for rocks.



Wooly setting up for the tailgate part of the show.



LAKER!!



Midwest Federation Delegates Meeting.



Endowment Bear, affectionately called "E-Bear" by his friends, made the trip back to Nebraska after Jim and Sharon Marburger won the auction for the privilege of providing a temporary home for him. The money E-Bear earns is donated to the Midwest Federation Endowment Fund. E-Bear is very popular among members of the Federation, and there is usually a vigorous auction. Wherever he travels, E-Bear carries a biography, listing the places he has lived and the donations he has acquired. E-Bear has lived in Iowa, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Nebraska. This is his second trip to Nebraska. You can add your name to E-Bear's biography by making a donation to the Endowment Fund. Bring your spare change to the meeting and the club will pool the money to make a single donation.