



**AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**  
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RE: Earth Science Field Trip Opportunity

September 2011

It is that time of the year again; the annual Gem Capers Show is just around the corner! The Austin Gem and Mineral Society would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 2011 GEM CAPERS Gem and Mineral Show. This year's theme: GOLD. Come check out all of the special exhibits!

**Important 2011 Show Information for Educators:**

- **Our 2011 show dates are October 21, 22 and 23 with Youth Education Day on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>!**  
 @ Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas.
- **We are proud to announce that Silicon Laboratories is our Youth Education Day sponsor!** Silicon Laboratories is sponsoring the first 2300 students, along with teachers and chaperones, to our show! This opening day has always been especially important to us as we can introduce the youth of the area to the world of rocks, fossils, gems and minerals. We invite you to bring your class to this event as an earth science field trip.
- **Silicon Laboratories of Austin has also agreed to sponsor our popular "Kids Show Guide."** Filled with puzzles, facts, riddles, articles and a coloring page. Fun for all ages.

Additional Details to help with your visit:

- Sponsoring teacher is **FREE**.
- **FREE** admission for 2 chaperones for every 10 students.
- Additional parents or friends will be charged full admission.
- Younger students should wear a name tag with school name on it.
- Chaperones are expected to stay with their students and supervise their learning experience.

Additional Details to help **HOME SCHOOLERS** with their visit:

- Parent is **FREE**.
- Additional parents or friends will be charged full admission.
- Younger students should wear a name tag with parent name on it.
- Home School parents will pick up wrist bands at Teacher Registration table.

Activities Scheduled

Gem Mine	\$.50	Fossil Cleaning Demo	FREE	Rock Food Table	FREE
Wheel of Fortune	\$.50	Faceting Demo	FREE	Dinosaur Talk	FREE
Illumination Station	\$.50	Cabbing Demo	FREE	Mineral Exhibits	FREE
Jewelry Making	\$.50	Touch Table	FREE	Polymer Clay Demo	FREE

Back again is our Quest for Knowledge. Responding to teacher feedback from previous shows, the Austin Gem and Mineral Society has developed a "Quest for Knowledge" to encourage students to fully explore the exhibits at the show. The "Quest" is grade specific and will lead students through different aspects of this fascinating hobby and also give them a taste of Texas, gem and mineral style! Please download and print Quests before arrival at the show. Quests WILL NOT be included in the teacher packets and WILL NOT be available at the show. Quests are available on our website [www.GemCapers.org](http://www.GemCapers.org)

**Teacher and Home School details such as registration, Quest for Knowledge sheets, directions to the show, bus drop off & pick up info and FAQs are on our web site at [www.GemCapers.org](http://www.GemCapers.org).** Click on "School & Group Show Info" for the details. We anticipate having all of the details posted by September 1st, 2011.

Wrist bands will be mailed to each teacher BEFORE the show and are good for admission to the show for the entire weekend! Please feel free to add school name to wrist bands for younger students and to allow older students to decorate wristband with a gem or mineral theme.

Home school parents, your wrist bands will be available for pick up at the Teacher registration table as well as your teacher packet.

Teacher packets will be available at the TEACHER REGISTRATION Table on Friday. Packets contain answers to the Quest for Knowledge along with a free mineral specimen for each student and a special Teacher Specimen!

Once again, let me extend this invitation to come share our passion for rocks! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. I look forward to seeing you this year!

Sincerely,

Susan Postlethwait

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