

Herkimer Diamond Mines, Inc
Boy Scouts Geology Merit Badge Weekend
October 21-23, 2011

GEOLOGY MERIT BADGE PROGRAM:

The Herkimer Diamond Mines will be conducting a Boy Scout Jamboree on October 21s – 23rd. Cost is \$22.00 per Boy Scout for program fee and \$7.50 per person for mining only fee. Reservations are required – reservation forms can be obtained by calling 315-717-0175.

OCTOBER 21 - SATURDAY PROGRAM (tentative – schedule subject to change)

7:15 am - 8:00 am	Late Program Registration at the Herkimer Diamond Mines KOA Kampground Office (Early Registration to be held Friday evening at the KOA office from 3:30 pm until 9:30 pm)
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Introduction and Welcome
8:30 am – 12:15 pm	Scout Program
12:15 pm – 12:55 pm	Break for Lunch
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Scout Program
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Awards Ceremony

CURRICULUM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MODULES (tentative)

Module #1	Mining “Be a Rock Hound”
Module #2	Paleontology / Gemology
Module #3	Energy Sources / Water Cycle
Module #4	Earth Processes
Module #5	Earth Materials
Module #6	Sustainability

MATERIALS

*All materials will be provided to Scouts during modules.

*Scouts will have the opportunity to take home the following items: All Diamonds found in the mines, all Fossils found in the mines or in the sluice, all Gemstones found in the sluice, and all jewelry and gift items made.

*Prizes will be awarded at 4 pm Awards Ceremony.

FOOD OPTIONS: Reservations required by 09/22/11

You are welcome to bring your own bag lunch and use our picnic areas. If you would like us to provide meals, we can offer the following:

Friday Dinner – Cost is \$10.95 per dinner (dinner includes: pasta, meatballs, salad, dessert, beverage) to be served at the Crystal Chandelier Restaurant. We will be happy to make your Dinner reservations for you. If you would like to make your own dinner reservations, you are welcome to call the Crystal Chandelier Restaurant directly at 315-891-3366. Payment should be made directly to the Crystal Chandelier Restaurant.

Saturday Lunch - Cost is \$6.50 per lunch (lunch includes: choice of hamburger or hot dog, potato chips, applesauce, cookie, and a beverage) to be served at the Herkimer Diamond Pavilion

Saturday Dinner – Cost is \$10.95 per dinner (dinner includes: Roast beef, potatoes, salad, vegetable, dessert, beverage) to be served at the Crystal Chandelier Restaurant. We will be happy to make your Dinner reservations for you. If you would like to make your own dinner reservations, you are welcome to call the Crystal Chandelier directly at 315-891-3366. Payment should be made directly to the Crystal Chandelier Restaurant.

Sunday Breakfast –Cost is \$5.00 per breakfast (breakfast includes: pancake / waffle, sausage, coffee / hot chocolate) to be served at the Herkimer Diamond KOA Pavilion.

KOA ACCOMODATIONS:

If you are traveling in for the program and would like to make camping reservations, please call our KOA Kampground at 315-891-7355 for availability and to make a reservation. Please mention code #BS2011 when making your reservation

OPTIONAL EVENTS:

Movies will be playing in the Cinema both Friday and Saturday night. On Friday we will have a flashlight candy hunt and on Saturday evening we will start a bonfire and sponsor a s'mores event at the fire pit.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CLOTHING: The Scouts will be outdoors for a majority of their time. Please be prepared with the appropriate clothing. Sneakers or closed-toed shoes are required.

GOGGLES: If Scouts have their own goggles please bring them with you. If not, goggles can be purchased at the Herkimer Diamond Mine Store for \$2.50 each.

HAMMERS: Will be provided for the mining modules. You are also welcome to bring your own if you choose.

PLASTIC BAGS: We will provide small ziplock bags for your finds. Some prospectors will bring buckets to carry larger rocks.

NEED SOME HELP?

Please call Marie Edick at 315-717-0175 for additional information and to register your Boy Scout Troop for the Geology Merit Badge Program.