



HGMS KIDS DAY

Homeschool Information

Welcome Homeschoolers! What follows is general information about the free Kids Day Earth Science Program at our Annual Show.

Preregister to attend Kids Day so we can reserve a spot for your children: All students must request registration for our program so we can print an adequate amount of scavenger hunts and route maps. Homeschool families can register individually or if they are members of a homeschool group, the group's leader or coordinator can manage registration. If your family registers with a group, be sure you know your group's name to facilitate check-in. Homeschool groups typically check in together, first meeting up outside the west entrance of the Humble Civic Center. The group coordinator will manage check-in and be given a packet of scavenger hunt questionnaires (for the children) and maps (for the accompanying adults). (If your arrival is delayed, not to worry! Of course you can still enter the show.)

Understand our policy about free admission for adults: Knowing that homeschool parents are very active in their child's education, we expect a high turnout of parents with their children. Our offer of free admission is applicable only to one adult per homeschool family bringing children. Additional adults will need to pay for admission to the show.

Leave backpacks in your vehicle: Backpacks are not allowed.

Consider your route through the show: The age-appropriate, TEKS-aligned scavenger hunts for different grade levels have different routes to minimize the likelihood that any one area in the HCC becomes overcrowded. We encourage large homeschool groups to divide the students by grade level with an adult family member or chaperone accompanying the group. If you are just one adult bringing multiple children at different grade levels, consult with the check-in volunteers to see how you can align or combine the children's route through the show.

Practice active learning: The dealers at our show encourage questions. Many dealers have touch items for students to explore. However, some dealers have expensive specimens and do not allow handling them. Please ask before allowing students to touch items. We thank you for not only chaperoning your students through our diverse earth science experience but also guiding them in how to observe, because the TEKS emphasizes collecting data through observation with the senses.

Review our safety precautions: Running and horseplay are not allowed. Our security personnel will ask that you remove any student creating a disturbance. Any student caught shoplifting will be removed from the show. Police will be onsite to respond to any unlawful behavior.

Support HGMS with your purchases: As a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, HGMS is dedicated to study in the areas of earth science and related fields and arts. We fund these educational activities—including our free Kids Day—primarily through our Annual Show. In addition to shopping opportunities, games are available in the Youth Section and cost \$0.25 a play.

Collect your souvenir rock when you check out: Check out from the show at the east exit to the Civic Center, where each child will receive a rock specimen as a token of our appreciation for your attendance at Kids Day. Group leaders/coordinators who qualified for and reserved a rock set will pick up their set at the east exit.

We are looking forward to seeing our homeschool families at the show. — HGMS Education Committee