

Welcome to the
14TH ANNUAL GEODE FEST
September 28, 29 & 30, 2018

CHANEY CREEK BOAT ACCESS
1404 IL-96, HAMILTON, ILLINOIS 62341



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REGISTRATION: All participants must be registered! Your first stop at the event is the Registration Tent where you will sign in and receive your Official Event Admission Wristband. The Registration Fee is \$20.00 for single or \$30.00 per family. The Registration Fee guarantees you 1 morning guided hunt and 1 afternoon guided hunt on Friday and Saturday, and 1 morning guided hunt on Sunday. You only need to register once but are required to have the Official Event Admission Wristband on your person during the entire event.

GEODE HUNTING SITE SELECTION: After signing in at the Registration Table, go to the Geode Hunt Site Sign-Up Tent. You are required to select a site to hunt, approximately one hour prior to the actual hunt. Landowners and Hunt Guides will assist you in determining the most appropriate site for you and/or your group. Each site will be labeled "Easy", "Medium" or "Hard" with a brief description. Site selection is done prior to every hunt.

THE HUNT: The hunts will be held, rain or shine. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the hunt site. A Hunt Guide will lead a caravan of hunters to the site and be available while at the site. Announcements will be made when it's time for your caravan to leave for the hunt site. Your caravan & Hunt Guide lead vehicle will be color coded. Turn your flashers on while traveling in the caravan. If you lose your group, return to the Chaney Creek Geode Fest Headquarters and you will be given an alternative site.

You will be walking in fields, streambeds, rivers, sand and mud. You will be responsible for bringing your collected geodes to the main area of each hunt site.

Suggested Items for the hunts

Full tank of gas • Bottled water & snacks • 5-gallon buckets (*can be purchased at Registration*)
Weather-related clothing, boots, old shoes • Sunscreen, bug repellent

Optional collecting tools

Garden trowel • Long-handled screwdriver • Pick axe • Shovels • Rock hammer • Rock chisel • Prybar

There is an additional charge of \$20.00 per 5-gallon bucket of geodes collected from each site, or \$.55/pound at the St. Francisville site, payable at the site to your guide or property owner at the end of each hunt.

GEODE CRACKING/BREAKING AT THE HUNT SITE IS NOT ALLOWED

Emergency Phone #: 911 or Geode Fest Director, Kirk Brandenberger @ (319) 795-1917

2018 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES: Read the attachment for more information about the Geode Fest Weekend

CONTESTS & PRIZE DRAWINGS: The adult and children (12 & under) contests and prize drawings will begin at 5:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Chaney Creek Geode Fest Headquarters. Some of the contest categories to be awarded are *prettiest, most unusual, largest, smallest, rarest, and ugliest.*

All participants are required to maintain good safety behavior during the entire weekend. No alcohol allowed. No Pets allowed.

2018 GEODE FEST SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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| Friday, Sept. 28: | 6:45 a.m. | Registration Open / Registration Tent |
| | 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. | Morning Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> |
| | 7:45 a.m. | Prepare to Leave for Morning Hunt Sites |
| | 8:00 a.m. | First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Site |
| | 8:05 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. | Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected |
| | | Return to Chaney Creek Geode Fest Headquarters |
| | 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Afternoon Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> |
| | 12:45 p.m. | Prepare To Leave for Afternoon Hunt Sites |
| | 1:00 p.m. | First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Sites |
| | 1:05 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. | Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected |
| | | Return to Chaney Creek Geode Fest Headquarters |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Registration Closed |
| 5:15 p.m. | Contests and Prize Drawings Begin | |
| 6:30 p.m. | End of First Day of Geode Fest | |
| Saturday, Sept. 29: | 6:45 a.m. | Registration Open / Registration Tent |
| | 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. | Morning Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> |
| | 7:45 a.m. | Prepare to Leave for Morning Hunt Sites |
| | 8:00 a.m. | First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Site |
| | 8:05 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. | Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected |
| | | Return to Chaney Creek Geode Fest Headquarters |
| | 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Afternoon Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> |
| | 12:45 p.m. | Prepare To Leave for Afternoon Hunt Sites |
| | 1:00 p.m. | First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Sites |
| | 1:05 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. | Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Registration Closed |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected |
| | | Return to Chaney Creek Geode Fest Headquarters |
| 5:15 p.m. | Contests and Prize Drawings Begin | |
| 6:30 p.m. | End of Second Day of Geode Fest | |
| Sunday, Sept. 30: | 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. | Registration Open / Registration Tent |
| | | Morning Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> |
| | 8:45 a.m. | Prepare to Leave for Morning Hunt Sites |
| | 9:00 a.m. | First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Site |
| | 9:05 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. | Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected |
| | | Return to Chaney Creek Geode Fest Headquarters |
| 1:00 p.m. | Contests and Prize Drawings Begin | |
| 2:00 p.m. | End of Geode Fest | |

See you next year – September 27 - 29, 2019!

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AMOUNT: _____ (Registration Fee of \$20.00 per person or \$30 per family)

PAID BY: CASH Or CHECK - CHECK #: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

KEOKUK GEODE FEST

September 28 - 30, 2018

Instructions: Please complete one Registration Form and Waiver Agreement & Media Release Form per individual or family. The Registration Fee (\$20.00 per person or \$30 per family) is payable to KACTB.

(During the Keokuk Geode Fest, there is an additional charge of \$20.00 for each 5-gallon bucket of geodes collected from each site (or \$.55/pound at the St. Francisville site), payable at the site to your guide or property owner at the end of each hunt.)

Please Print

Main Registrant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Street) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Cell Phone # During Geode Fest (Include Area Code): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Car License Number During Geode Fest: _____

Rock Club Name (if applicable): _____

Family Member: _____

Family Member: _____

Family Member: _____

Family Member: _____

WAIVER AGREEMENT & MEDIA RELEASE FORM

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way at the 2018 Geode Fest in Hamilton, Illinois which is sponsored by the Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau and its related events and activities, I and/or the minor participant, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, the undersigned:

Assume all risks and accept personal responsibility for any damages due to injury, permanent disability or death.

Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau, the City of Keokuk, IA, the City of Hamilton, IL and the Hamilton, IL Park District, their affiliated organizations, their representative administrators, directors, agents and other employees of the organizations, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, their heirs, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "Releasees", from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasee or otherwise.

I hereby authorize and give my full consent to the Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau to copyright and/or publish any and all photographs and video in which I appear while attending the activities of the Geode Fest. I further agree that the Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau may transfer, use or cause to be used, these photographs and video for any exhibitions, public displays, publications, commercials, art and advertising purposes, and television programs without limitations or reservations.

By signing this waiver and release, it is understood that I/We have given up substantial rights by signing it, have not changed it orally and sign it voluntarily.

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this minor participant(s), do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in this event as provided above, even if arising from their negligence.

WAIVER AGREEMENT & MEDIA RELEASE SIGNATURE SECTION

Main Registrant's Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

MAIN REGISTRANT REPRESENTS THESE MINORS
(Please Print Names)

SIGNATURES OF OTHER ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS (18 OR OLDER) IN YOUR GROUP

Adult Family Member Signature

Date

Adult Family Member Signature

Date

Adult Family Member Signature

Date

of Adult Family Members including Main Registrant: _____

of Minors Represented: _____

TOTAL # IN YOUR GROUP: _____