

GEOLOGY AND LAPIDARY

In this project, you will learn the difference between rocks and minerals, learn how to identify fossils, describe and identify rocks, understand stages of the rock cycle, and use the scientific method to solve problems.

Rules

1. The exhibit box should be 18" x 24" x 3½". Plexiglas covers are required. Boxes with glass covers WILL NOT be accepted. All specimens are to be arranged across the narrow (18") dimension of the exhibit box, making the exhibit 18" across the top and 24" deep exactly. If a box has a sliding Plexiglas cover, it must be removable from the top. Screws, locks, or other devices that would prevent judges from removing the cover should not be used. For Lapidary classes 5300-5304 only, the dimensions of the box should be appropriate for the display, but should not exceed 18"x24"x3½".
2. Each exhibitor is required to identify each display box by placing an identification label bearing name, county or district, and number of specimens in the upper left-hand corner of the Plexiglas cover (inside-use clear double-sided tape to adhere gummed labels), and by attaching a label with the same information on the lower right corner of the box (outside).
3. Exhibitor may enter in both geology and lapidary classes. Exhibitor may show in only one of the first four geology classes (5200, 5201, 5202 or 5203). Exhibitor may also show in geology class 5204 (special exhibit), 5205 Mineralogy, 5206 Fossils, and in one lapidary class.
4. Geology specimens should be labeled with the number of the specimen, date collected, specimen name or description, and locality (county only) where collected.
5. For the geology classes 5200, 5201, 5202 and 5203, specimens should be mounted in the box by proper groups: rocks, minerals, fossils. Fossils must be identified to the Phylum, Class and Genus level. Genus name is to begin with a capital letter. Species name is all lower case. Genus and species names must either be italicized or underlined, not both. The words "phylum, class, genus" on labels are to be spelled out, not abbreviated. More than one specimen of the same kind of rock or mineral or species of a fossil may be exhibited if this duplication represents different geological formations. Specimen label must show this distinction (Fort Hays limestone, not just limestone; calcite from the Greenhorn Formation, not just calcite; Phylum: Brachiopoda Class: Articulata Genus: Composita from the Morrill Limestone Member, not just Phylum: Brachiopoda Class: Articulata Genus: Composita).
6. For geology classes 5200, 5201, 5202, 5203, 5305, and 5206 all specimens must be collected by the participant (not purchased) from locations in Kansas, with the exception of Tri-State Mining Area specimens collected from these three adjacent counties: Ottawa County, OK; Newton and Jasper Counties, MO. Other out of state specimens will not count in the minimum number for the class, nor will they be considered in the judging.