



Gemboree 2020

(July 16, 17, 18, 19)

Parksville & District Rock & Gem Club

We are pleased to invite you to The Vancouver Island Zone 2020 Gemboree! It will be held at the historic Coombs Fair Grounds where our club workshop is located. There are many attractions in the area such as Goats on the Roof and The Butterfly Gardens. Qualicum Falls and Englishman River Falls Provincial Parks offer great hiking for those who might like to spend more time in the area. This is a very popular, well-known tourist area so it is great to have such a comfortable venue close to so many alternate activities and attractions.

There is room for dry RV camping and tenting on the grounds (a few electrical hookups may be made available to support any special needs). No showers are available but there is running hot and cold water in the bathrooms in Arrowsmith Hall. We will try to set up a shower tent for those who are willing to brave a cool shower. The cost for these spots is \$20 per night with check-in starting at 4:00 pm Thursday afternoon. In the event that these fill up, there are two provincial campgrounds nearby as well as a private campground down the street, called Coombs Country Campground. There are, of course, many motels in the Parksville/Qualicum area for those who do not camp.

We have two full days of fun, engaging activities planned with choices for those wishing a very active experience or a more laid back one.

***Sign up for the Early Bird Registration and get Friday night Barbeque and Sunday morning breakfast as well as all weekend activities for \$35.**

Coombs Fair Grounds: 1014 Ford Rd., Coombs, BC V0R 1M0

Take the Alberni Highway (4A) exit off of the Inland Island Highway (19). Follow the Alberni Hwy towards Coombs and look for a left turn onto Ford Road. At about 350 meters you will see the entrance to the Coombs Fair Grounds on your left.

An Overview of the weekend

Thursday, July 16

- Registration begins at 4:00 pm.
- Choose and sign up for your preferred field trips for the weekend
- There are local restaurants available very nearby for supper
- Wine & Cheese (Bring your favourite wine, cheeses will be supplied) at 7:30 pm
- Campfire

Friday, July 17

- Field trips marshal at 8:30 am (Everybody must be paid up with waivers signed by 8:30 am) Be prepared for a full day of rock hounding. Bring lunches, water, hats & sunscreen, as well as good shoes.
- Afternoon workshops, demos and local exploration
- Barbeque (around 5:30)
- Campfire, Share your finds and experiences from the day

Saturday, July 18

- Field trips marshal at 8:30 am. (Everybody must be paid up with waivers signed by 8:30 am) Be prepared for a full day of rock hounding. Bring lunches, water, hats & sunscreen, as well as good shoes.
- Afternoon workshops, demos and local exploration
- Pot Luck Dinner (around 5:30)
- Campfire, Share your finds and experiences from the day

Sunday, July 19

- Pancake Breakfast at 8:00-9:00 am
- Zone Meeting
- Auction
- Tailgate Sale (Bring your items to swap or sell)
- Check out by 2:00pm

Important Information

Meals

- Participants will provide their own meals for: Thursday evening dinner, Friday and Saturday breakfast and lunch, Sunday lunch
- Friday night barbeque is optional. You must purchase a ticket.
- Saturday dinner is potluck
- Sunday pancake breakfast is optional. You must purchase a ticket.

Extras to Bring

- Each club is asked to provide rock, and/or related items for the auction
- Musical Instruments for campfire entertainment
- Items for tailgate sale
- Contributions for Saturday evening potluck dinner
- Cutlery, dishes, chair

Workshops/Demos (subject to change due to numbers and availability of leaders)

Wire wrapping

Beading

Metal detecting

Drilling holes in rocks

Jewellery Making

soapstone carving

Important Date to Mark on your Calendar

- **April 30th** early bird deadline for registration entitles you to a discount on the complete package price of activities and meals, as well as your choice of sessions.

***Early Bird Registration – April 30th, 2020**

For information contact Cynthia Jones at cynthialj50@icloud.com or Judy Mitchell at judy55mitchell@hotmail.com

Gemboree 2020 – Registration Form

(Please make cheques payable to “Parksville & District Rock & Gem Club”)

Please mail registration form along with payment to

Judy Mitchell

1001 Maple Lane Drive

Parksville, BC V9P 1S8

Name(s)

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ **Email** _____

Home Club _____

Allergies/health concerns _____

Workshop/Activity Choices (subject to numbers and change)

Wire Wrapping _____ Beading _____ Jewellery Making _____

Drilling Holes in rocks _____ Soapstone Carving _____

Registration information – Please check all that apply

- Registration fee (full weekend) \$35 x _____ person(s)=\$ _____
- Single Day (Friday or Saturday) \$15x _____ person(s)=\$ _____
- Friday Evening Barbeque \$10x _____ person(s)=\$ _____
- Sunday Pancake Breakfast \$6x _____ person(s)=\$ _____
- Early Registration (complete pkg) \$35 _____ person(s)=\$ _____
- Subtotal/Total \$ _____

***Camping** is \$20 per night. Please indicate the number of nights and include payment with your Registration.

_____ nights=\$ _____ Registration +Camping=\$ _____ Total

