

2017 Super Dig
Saturday April 29th



Getting ready ...

There is a lot of new information for this year's Digg --
PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THIS ENTIRE MESSAGE.

Many of you may be familiar with the Buckwheat Mineral Dump area at Franklin. Do you know that there is an area there that has been fenced off for many years, called the Mill Site area? Have you ever stood by the Franklin Museum building, looked across the street at the fenced in area, and wondered just what is over there? Access to the Mill Site area has been non-existent for years and years -- many have begged to get in there !!

As a new, **SPECIAL FEATURE** for this year's Super Digg the Mill Site area will be opened for this one time event for Super Dig "Premium" diggers.

This is the first time anyone has had direct access to the Mill Site deposit. We have scooped a few loads out and placed on the dump, but that's all!!! The entire pile will be leveled and trees removed for the best access possible. This is a once in a lifetime first chance!!

For safety reasons, the property owner has restricted entry to this site to a maximum of 75 persons at any one time. Therefore, we are going to have **THREE SESSIONS** of 3-hours each during the day.

Because the Mill Site material is in such demand, and access is so restricted, the most fair way we could think of is to give registrants their choice of which session they want to participate in -- in the order of registration. (If for some reason an early registrant does not want the first

session, they can select one of the other two sessions that fit their schedule better). After the first 75 registrants select the First Session, that session will be closed and the next 75 registrants who select either the First or Second Session will be assigned to the Second Session. When the Second Session is filled, we will begin assigning to the Third Session. This will accommodate 225 "Premium" diggers.

The Who's Coming registration site records the order in which registrations are registered, and that will be the final arbiter of the order of registrations. The Super Digg staff will be the arbiter of assignments to the three Premium groups.

Those who participate in the Mill Site premium digg periods **MUST LEAVE** the restricted area no later than the ending time for their session.

Materials must be taken directly from the Mill Site area to the check out area and paid for -- it is strongly recommended that you then take those materials to your car and leave them there. You will be given a receipt when you pay for the Mill Site goodies -- **KEEP** this receipt with you for the rest of the day. (If you are wearing a Premium wristband and you do not have the paid receipt, you will be charged at the Mill Site rates for all the goodies you have collected).

At this point, we'd like to remind everyone that all the registration fees and weight fees go to the support of the Franklin Mineral Museum and the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society, and expenses involved in "turning over" the soil in the digg areas and other expenses in preparing the event -- the Super Digg staff does not get paid.

At registration, Diggers will be given a colored wristband. The wristband color will depict which Premium session that person is registered for, or Buckwheat if not a Premium registration.

Premium Diggers will also have access to the Buckwheat area at all times other than their Mill Site session. Buckwheat Diggers will have access all day, from 9:00 a.m. until 11 p.m. -- note that the per/pound rate changes to Night Rate at 7:30 p.m. **You MUST BE ON LINE** at the check-out

before 7:30 p.m. to be charged Day Rate -- a staff member will join the end of the line at exactly 7:30 p.m. and anyone not in front of the staff member will be charged Night Rate per/pound. It's up to you to get in line in time.

- **PREMIUM** per/pound rate is \$3.00 per pound, CASH ONLY.
- **DAY** per/pound rate is \$1.50 per pound, CASH ONLY.
- **NIGHT** per/pound rate is \$3.00 per pound, CASH ONLY.
- **PREMIUM** on-line pre-registration is \$50, regardless of Session selected.
- **BUCKWHEAT** on-line pre-registration is \$25.

(NOTE: if you pre-register for Buckwheat, and want to upgrade to Premium on-site on Saturday you may pay the additional \$25 CASH at that time IF there are any Premium registrations still available).

No mail-in registrations this year.

On-site registration Saturday morning, CASH ONLY, has a \$5 surcharge.

All registered Diggers may participate in any of the Special Activities during the day and evening. More info on the Special Activities will be in future TripMaster Letters.

Some of the special features this year --

- **New material will be exposed in the Buckwheat area as we are turning over the Mineral Dump with a backhoe**
- **Special access to the fenced-in Mill Site area**
- **A tour of the entire Trotter Mineral Dump and the Buckwheat Open Cut, conducted by Dr. Earl Verbeek -- a renowned geologist**
- **Full access to the Franklin Mineral Museum**
- **Door prizes, with special drawing just for the young Diggers**

To be fair for everyone, registration will not become active until MIDNIGHT, beginning of Saturday March 4th. This way, those who work

during the week and even those who go out on a date Friday evening can stay up to midnight and get a chance to be among the first to register.

When each Premium Session is filled (with 75 registrants) a list will be posted on the website of those who are assigned to that Session.

Watch for future TripMaster Letters -- and be sure they don't go into your 'spam folder' in the email !

Because many things have changed since last year, we will be updating the web site from time to time. Please review all the material on the website carefully and occasionally -- any un-answered questions can be sent to TripMaster@SuperDig.com