

Super Diggg™

Frequently Asked Questions:

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Q: Please explain the Insurance requirements.

A: We now have a specific document that covers all the details.
You can fetch it from here:

<http://insurance.superdiggg.com>

To confirm that the Super Diggg is an "official club event" you should bring with you a copy of your club newsletter in which it states that your club has sanctioned this as an "official club event."

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Q: If I make a reservation and later have to cancel it, will I get a refund?

A: Yes, the **WhosComing** reservation center will notify our treasurer and a PayPal refund will be issued (if you paid using PayPal, of course!). This might take up to a day or two, so please be patient.

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Q: **SMOKING POLICY:**

At a night dig, I had to pack up my tools and buckets to move away from a guy who refused to extinguish his cigarette, despite having been asked nicely (initially). His excuse, while shrugging his shoulders, "It's outdoors."

Aside from the obvious irritation of having cigarette smoke waft across me ruining my experience, there are tons of kids around and, I'd bet my entire collection, no smokers are throwing any butts in an ashtray anywhere.

Is there a "no-smoking" policy per DVESS rules?

A: Here is info on NJ Smoking Regulations...

<http://smoking.uslegal.com/smoking-regulations-in-new-jersey/>

The regulation covers us as a Private Company open to the public, and we will ask anyone that is smoking to be at least 30 feet from any building.

Out in the pits is another story. We will expect people to be sensitive about this and be polite if asked to stop. And to put out, crumble and take with them their used butts -- aside from fire risk, littered butts around the property is not conducive to welcoming us in future years. Let me know if it gets out of hand at the event. I will ask the staff to be aware of this also.

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Q: I wear glasses with polycarbonate lenses. They don't have side protection, however. Are they acceptable or would I need something to go over them?

A: No. You really need full eye protection. We will have safety glasses at the Super Diggg for \$4.00 per pair, which is our cost. Small cost for good insurance!

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Q: Any hints about what I should be bringing for supplies/ equipment?

A: Common sense prevails!

- good boots for tromping around
- sunglasses and poncho -it's rain or shine
- perhaps a warm coat or jacket -it can get chilly up there
- UV-protection safety glasses
- shovel, buckets, whatever -for carting your goodies around
- a properly fitting hard-hat (esp. if you are going IN the mine for tour)
- strong beam flashlight and spare batteries
- UV lamp (or get one on site from one of the vendors)

Suggestion: check the website & view the photos of previous years -- that might give you ideas of what it's like and what others have brought along.

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Q: We registered for the Diggg on-line, but we are planning to arrive later in the day, around 6pm, for the last part of the events. Is that OK?

A: You can check in at any time during the day... the registration folks are there all day, but as the day goes on they tend to switch from registration to check-out!

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Q: Can my wife "hang out" at the site while I'm digging?

A: The Franklin Mineral Museum is still open to the public that day, so your wife can be on site with no problems. YOU will have a wrist band and you can come and go as you please. There is a check in area for the Diggg, and of course only people signed up and checked in can collect and go on certain tours.

Q: I am trying to pay for the Super Diggg for me and my two boys. I just wanted to make one transaction and wanted to confirm that I could do that.

A: Sorry to say, the system doesn't work that way ... It needs an individual registration for each person, and the payment is made for each registration.

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Q: What is available for children that day? We also have 2 other children -- a 6 year old and a 3 year old. Is there anything that they could participate in?

A: For children that young, there are no specific activities scheduled. We suggest one adult stay with those very young children in the museum area while the other adult digggs; then switch off ... the children may accompany their parent in the museum and perhaps on some of the tours --check at the registration desk for specifics.

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Q: My daughter is 9 years old and she has joined the local Rock and Mineral Club, which is how we heard about this event. I am wondering if this would be suitable for my child? She is a glow hound. I know she would enjoy collecting a few.

A: Yes, absolutely! This can be a memorable event for young glow hounds! Especially the tours inside the mine, and the UV tent where 'finds' can be observed under ultraviolet lamps. Not to mention the special door prize drawing just for kids.

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Q: Do I sign up for each tour and activity when I sign in for the entire event?

A: Ask at the registration tent when you sign in ... they will have current details.

Q: Do folks get free admission to the Museum, or is that an additional charge?

A: Yup ... see the Schedule of Events at
<http://schedule.SuperDiggg.com>

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Q: I would like to take my grandkids to your museum at Franklin. I can't seem to find the times you are open to the public on weekdays.

A: Please visit <https://franklinmineralmuseum.com/calendar/>

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Q: Are there any forms I should print and fill out before I arrive at the site for registration?

A: Yes.

Your check-in will be expedited if you download, print and fill in the "release form" --

<http://release.SuperDiggg.com>

You might also like to have a printed copy of the Schedule for the Day -
<http://schedule.SuperDiggg.com>

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Q: Is the museum open for the event?

A: Yes, the Franklin Mineral Museum will be open to the public during the Diggg. Tours will be run for those registered for the Diggg, but the normal public tours will also be available.

Q: Since we are flying in from Florida on that Friday, and back out that Sunday, we were wondering what is the best way to get the rocks back home. On Sunday, I suspect the ship-and-mail places will be closed, and the airlines will charge a bunch for extra bags. Also, we have absolutely NO idea how much we will be able or likely to collect, nor how much we would buy.

A: One solution would be to acquire one or more "Flat Rate" shipping boxes from your local Post Office before leaving home. Obtain the proper postage stamps to cover the Flat Rate weight of the boxes you selected. Prepare address labels for sending the box(es) back home to yourself. Get some durable cushioning material to wrap the rocks with and put it into the empty boxes.

If you plan to take advantage of this special favor, you **MUST** contact Jeff Winkler at TripMaster@UVworld.org and let him know of your plans. Do this as soon as you have decided to use this plan.

After you have checked out, weighed your treasure and paid for it, pack your goodies in the Flat Rate box(es) being sure the contents are wrapped and cushioned so they don't rattle around or break out of the box. Seal the box (you did bring tape with you, right?!), attach the address label and the **PROPER** amount of postage stamps on the box. Give the box(es) to one of the check-out volunteers and Jeff will deliver your box(es) to a U.S. Post Office early the next week.

Keep in mind that this is a favor offered by our volunteers, so Super Diggg and Franklin Mineral Museum are not liable for any problems resulting from this volunteer service.

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Q: The entire Super Diggg and tours are new to us, so we don't know what the different tours are or exactly what the different areas are. Will we be "collecting" or "mining"?

A: You will not be "mining"! You will be collecting by exploring the several pit areas, looking for whatever you find of interest. Visit the website and view the many photos from previous Diggs and you will get a feeling for the site and what other collectors are doing. A unique feature of this year's Diggg is that our volunteer PhD geologist has offered to take Diggers for a guided tour, during which he will explain the various types of minerals and geology found in the area, along with lots of historical info about mining in the area. Lots of photo opportunities during the tours! Get a HARD-HAT (you should have one anyway, to protect your brains when around rocks!)

The different areas of the Franklin and Buckwheat property are shown on the map on the website at <http://bit.ly/2m6FYXx>

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Q: Can 5 & 6 year olds go on the tours?

A: Yes, as long as they are well mannered, well behaved and accompanied by a parent and they have their HARDHAT on properly.

Q: I assume that the night diggg is the best way to find good stuff.

A: It's certainly a lot easier to find the fluorescent stuff in the dark ... which is why the Diggg always arranges to make this opportunity available once per year... There will be at least one relatively light-tight tent with UV lamps where people can check out their stuff during the daytime ... There's a link on the website where you can find a list of the many minerals found in the Franklin, NJ area that are found nowhere else in the world ... http://www.jimcooper.biz/uvworld2/mineral_list.pdf

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Q: With so many people registered, how will you accommodate everyone?
Do I sign up for each activity when I sign in for the entire event?

A: The Diggg event is run by a lot of people, including the people from the Museum who are accustomed to working with large groups. The time and location and description of every event during the day is spelled out in the **Schedule of Events**. You are encouraged to download and print it, and bring it with you of course!