



26th Annual

Fossil Fest

Area Scout & Youth Group Leader,

What's in your backyard?

The Paleontological Society of Austin (PSoA) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and we, along with our UT advisors, study and seek to understand what the climates and environments of our area were like in the past and what life existed in those environments. Once a year we hold a show called Fossil Fest to display and share what we have learned with the public. The 26th Annual Fossil Fest will be held **November 19 & 20, 2016**, Saturday & Sunday from 9am to 5pm at Old Settlers Association, 3300 Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock, TX (on Highway 79 next to the Dell Diamond).

Our show theme, "What's in your backyard? Prehistoric Sharks," seeks to explore and answer that question by focusing on the geologic history of Texas as told by the rock layers beneath our feet and the fossils they contain.

This is an engaging earth science educational opportunity and fieldtrip destination!

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Youth Groups: Are you working towards your Webelos Geology Pin or Boy Scouts Geology Merit Badge? Girl Scouts, do you dream that "I can be..." a Paleontologist? Our special educational presentations for scout groups of 10 or more can focus on fulfilling badge requirements.

Show highlights:

- Show Spotlight: Prehistoric Sharks
- Guest Speaker: "Fossils Talk – Hear their Stories"
- Opportunity to interact one on one with UT scientists, science educators and knowledgeable PSOA members – hands-on learning & demos, questions & answers and fossil identification
- "Paleo Passport" educational quest to fully explore displays, exhibits and activities
- Hands-on Fossil Touch Table and Microscope
- Educational Exhibits: See what amateur fossil collectors in Texas find
- Start your own fossil collection at the Wheel of Fossils and Fossil Dig Pit
- Fossils / Minerals / Books / Gifts / Jewelry / Toys...
- Hourly and Grand Door Prizes

Scout Fieldtrip Groups: presentations can focus on badge requirements for geology.

We provide a special educational Presentation and Fieldtrip Admission for scout and youth groups of 10 or more: \$1.00/person for Group & Leaders in uniform who Pre-Register at www.austinpaleo.org/signup. You must Pre-Register to obtain this special rate!

When registering, please list special educational / badge requirements in the questions / comments section.

Individual Scouts & Leaders (not part of a fieldtrip group) in uniform will receive Special Admission: \$1/person.

Additional parents, siblings, and friends will be charged full admission. \$3 Adults, \$2 Students and under 6 FREE.

More information, including a map, may be found on our website at www.austinpaleo.org/fest. Check our website periodically for updates and the final Activity Schedule one week prior to show.

For additional information, handouts or any questions you might have, please email showcomm@austinpaleo.org.