

# 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTZ CRYSTAL DIG

## OCTOBER 13 - 14, 2017 - OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Welcome to the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual World Championship Quartz Crystal Dig in Mount Ida, Arkansas, the Quartz Crystal Capital of the World! This year's two-day dig event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. *All amateur quartz crystal diggers are invited to enter!*

### ENTRY FEE

The dig entry fee is \$100. Register Early & Save! Early Bird Discount, 25% Off, when registered by August 31, 2017. No refunds will be issued after October 1, 2017. Same Day Registration is \$110, if spaces are available. Please Note: Only 200 diggers may register for this year's event.

### DIVISIONS

**ADULT:** Open to diggers 18 years of age and older. Awards presented in two categories, points and clusters.

**YOUNG MINERS:** Open to diggers 17 and under. Awards presented in one category, points and clusters combined. **Parent or legal guardian must accompany minors while digging. Minors must dig their own crystals.**

**CLUB:** Diggers may also team up with fellow rock, gem, and mineral club members to compete for bragging rights and a chance to win a free entry to next year's dig! Be sure to list your club name on the entry form!

### AWARDS & PRIZES

A total of \$2,250 in prize money is awarded in three categories: Points, Clusters, and Young Miners

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category receive a quartz crystal adorned award plaque.

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place winners are awarded cash prizes as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150, 4<sup>th</sup> \$100, 5<sup>th</sup> \$50.

Awards and prizes are presented during the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Each digger receives one complimentary meal ticket to the awards banquet. Additional meal tickets may be purchased for \$10/each at the start of the banquet. *If you prefer a vegetarian meal please indicate such on your entry form!*

### PARTICIPATING MINES

Twin Creek Crystal Mine  
<http://dixiecrystalcompany.com>

Sweet Surrender Crystal Mine  
<http://www.sweetsurrendercrystals.com/>

### SCHEDULE

**On Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am**, meet at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds (248 Fairgrounds Rd, Mount Ida, AR 71957) for orientation, mine passes, and number assignment. Coffee and donuts provided. **All diggers must check in at the fairgrounds before proceeding to the mines!**

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Digging begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm Diggers must check in, present their mine pass, and sign a liability waiver at their chosen mine each day. Diggers may not switch mines midday but may choose a different mine each day. Diggers may not leave the mine and return again later that same day. **Once you leave the mine you are done digging for the day!** Plan ahead and be sure to bring plenty of water and snacks! *Do not leave behind trash at the mines! If you see trash, please pick it up!*

Diggers may enter the best point and best cluster they dug on each day for judging by a panel of experienced quartz crystal industry professionals. Diggers must submit their entries, in the numbered bags provided, to the Dig Master at the mine. Crystals submitted for judging must be entered on the same day they were dug.

Judging takes place at the fairgrounds when the Dig Masters deliver the crystals to the Crystal Handlers. Diggers may observe judging. Individual scores are posted after tabulation of the judges' scores by the Scoring Committee. Awards are based on two-day cumulative points. **Be sure to enter one point and one cluster each day!**

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am, meet at the fairgrounds for mine passes, dig announcements, and door prize drawings, before proceeding to the mines. Digging begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm Individual scores are posted upon tabulation of the judges' scores. Awards banquet begins at 6:00 pm, awards presentation at 7:00 pm. Crystal submissions may be recovered from the stage afterward, around 8:00 pm.

### CAMPING

A limited number of RV spaces and Tent Camping spaces are available at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds provided by the Montgomery County Fair Board. Fee: \$15 per night with electricity. \$8 per night without electricity. Spaces are assigned on a first come, first serve basis with pre-payment required for reservations. If you wish to camp at the fairgrounds, please indicate the number of days and enclose a - **separate check** for camping made payable to: **Montgomery County Fair Board**.

I wish to reserve a camping space for an RV or Tent (please circle choices) with or without electricity.

### EVENT T-SHIRTS

Pre-order & save! Commemorative event t-shirts may be pre-ordered for \$10/each. Please include payment for your t-shirts with your registration. *Note: A limited number of event shirts will be available for purchase at the event for \$15 each. In order to make sure you get a shirt in your size, please pre-order!*

I wish to pre-order commemorative 30<sup>th</sup> Annual event t-shirt(s) in the following size(s):

	Small	Medium	Large	XL	2X	3X	Total # Shirts
Quantity							

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**ONE CONTESTANT PER FORM, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

*Contestants may not dig at or visit participating mines on or after Wednesday 10/11/17 prior to the event.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of a rock, gem, and mineral club and wish to enter the club division of behalf of:

Club Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer a vegetarian meal at the awards banquet.

**This is an AMATEUR quartz crystal digging competition. Professional and commercial quartz crystal diggers and dealers are not permitted to compete in the World Championship Quartz Crystal Dig. The Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce asks for your understanding and honesty in maintaining this as an amateur event. Any entrant in violation of this rule will be disqualified; their entrance fee forfeited and barred from future events.**

I HEREBY CERTIFY I AM AN AMATEUR QUARTZ CRYSTAL DIGGER.

I fully understand participation in the World Championship Quartz Crystal Dig (the dig) is physically strenuous. I am in good health and do not have a history of health problems that may be aggravated by my participation in the dig. I hereby waive and release all contestants, sponsors, officials, and volunteers from any and all claims incurred in connection with, or aggravated by my participation in the dig.

THE MOUNT IDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESERVES THE RIGHT  
TO DECLINE ANY APPLICATION FOR ANY REASON

I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL RULES OF THE DIG. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Sign*

I am the Parent or Legal Guardian of a participating Young Miner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent or Legal Guardian Name (Please Print)*

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*Parent or Legal Guardian Signature*

Make checks for entry fee and pre-order event t-shirt(s) payable to:  
Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 6, Mount Ida, Arkansas 71957  
Questions? Please Call! 870-867-2723  
Thank You for Participation & Good Luck!

**PLEASE MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS OF ALL PAGES & RETURN ORIGINALS.**