

Welcome to the
19TH ANNUAL GEODE FEST
September 22, 23 & 24, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT
3476 MAIN ST., KEOKUK, IOWA 52632



www.keokukiowatourism.org

RESERVATIONS: All participants must have reservations! *The fees are \$25.00 per adult (16 years of age and older) and \$5.00 per youth (15 years of age and younger).* Your Reservation Fee allows you admission to the Thursday night orientation, 1 morning guided hunt and 1 afternoon guided hunt on Friday and Saturday, and 1 morning guided hunt on Sunday. A Thursday evening orientation will be held for early and/or first-time attendees inside the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall with an early check-in following the orientation. On hunt days, your first stop at the event is the Welcome Center Tent where you will check in and receive your Official Event Admission Wristband. You are required to have the Official Event Admission Wristband on your person during the entire event.

GEODE HUNTING SITE SELECTION: After check-in, go to the Geode Hunt Site Selection Tent. You are required to select a site to hunt, approximately one hour prior to the actual hunt. Landowners and Hunt Guides will assist you in determining the most appropriate site for you and/or your group. Each site will be labeled "Easy", "Medium" or "Hard" with a brief description. Site selection is done prior to every hunt.

THE HUNT: The hunts will be held, weather permitting. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the hunt site. A Hunt Guide will lead a caravan of hunters to the site. Announcements will be made when it's time for your caravan to leave. Your caravan & Hunt Guide lead vehicle will be color coded. Turn your flashers on while traveling in the caravan & follow all traffic laws. If you lose your group, return to the First Christian Church Parking Lot and you will be given an alternative site.

You will be walking in fields, streambeds, rivers, sand and mud. For you and your children's safety, please wear shoes or boots. You will be responsible for bringing your collected geodes to the main area of each hunt site.

Suggested Items for the hunts

Full tank of gas • Bottled water & snacks • 5-gallon buckets (*can be purchased at the Welcome Center*)
Weather-related clothing, boots, old shoes • Sunscreen, bug repellent

Optional collecting tools

Garden trowel • Long-handled screwdriver • Pick axe • Shovels • Rock hammer • Rock chisel • Prybar

There is an additional charge of \$25.00 per 5-gallon bucket of geodes collected from each site, or \$.55/pound at the St. Francisville site, payable at the site to your guide or property owner at the end of each hunt.

GEODE CRACKING/BREAKING AT THE HUNT SITE IS NOT ALLOWED

Emergency Phone #: 911 or Geode Fest Director, Kirk Brandenberger @ (319) 795-1917

2023 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES: Read the attachment for more information about the Geode Fest Weekend

CONTESTS & PRIZE DRAWINGS: The adult and children (15 & under) contests and prize drawings will begin at 5:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the First Christian Church Parking Lot. The contest categories to be awarded are *prettiest, oddest, largest, smallest, rarest, this mud's for you* and *ugliest*.

All participants are required to maintain good safety behavior during the entire weekend. No alcohol allowed. No Pets allowed.

2023 GEODE FEST SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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| Thursday, Sept. 21: | 7:00 p.m. About 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Orientation at First Christian Church Fellowship Hall Check-In Open / First Christian Church Fellowship Hall |
| Friday, Sept. 22: | 6:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:05 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. 12:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:05 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. | Check-In Open / Welcome Center Tent Morning Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> Prepare to Leave for Morning Hunt Sites First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Site Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected Return to First Christian Church Parking Lot Check-In Open / Welcome Center Tent Afternoon Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> Vendor Area Open Prepare To Leave for Afternoon Hunt Sites First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Sites Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected Return to First Christian Church Parking Lot Vendor Area Open Contests and Prize Drawings Begin End of First Day of Geode Fest |
| Saturday, Sept. 23: | 6:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:05 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. 12:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:05 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. | Check-In Open / Welcome Center Tent Morning Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> Prepare to Leave for Morning Hunt Sites First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Site Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected Return to First Christian Church Parking Lot Check-In Open / Welcome Center Tent Afternoon Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> Vendor Area Open Prepare To Leave for Afternoon Hunt Sites First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Sites Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected Return to First Christian Church Parking Lot Vendor Area Open Contests and Prize Drawings Begin End of Second Day of Geode Fest |
| Sunday, Sept. 24: | 6:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:05 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m. | Check-In Open / Welcome Center Tent Morning Hunt Site Selection Open / Site Selection Tent <i>(Sign up, identify your hunt Leader and flag color of your group)</i> Prepare to Leave for Morning Hunt Sites First Guided Caravan Leaves for Hunting Site Remaining Guided Caravans Leave for Hunting Sites Pay Landowners for Geodes Collected Return to First Christian Church Parking Lot Vendor Area Open Contests and Prize Drawings Begin End of Geode Fest |