

Tucson Gem & Mineral Show

This exercise was designed to acquaint you with the world of mineral, fossils, and geological treasures. Toward that end, you will visit the world's largest gem and mineral show, held each year at the Tucson Convention Center in Tucson, AZ. Answer the following questions by visiting the corresponding sites in the Tucson Convention Center. **Attach proof of your visit to this worksheet.** Acceptable proof will be a photograph of you in the TCC mineral show, an entrance ticket stub, or my initials if you happen to see me in the TCC. There are two main parts of the show, the Arena in the far northeastern part of the TCC and the main floor the southern part of the TCC (see attached map). Both are downstairs from the ticket/entrance level. In addition to the main show at the Tucson Convention Center, nearly every major hotel in the surrounding region has been converted into a gem and mineral mall. Dealers have converted their hotel rooms into little gem & mineral shops. Bargaining is commonplace. Tent villages will surround the convention center and offer still more dealers.

Main (south) Exhibition Hall- Visit the following exhibits in exhibition hall (see map)

The main exhibits are usually located in the center of the exhibition hall between aisles 7 & 11 (see map). These exhibits are usually in several display cases. Describe (not just list) the contents of at least six of these cases. Use extra paper if necessary.

Arena (north) Exhibition Hall (the northeast part of map, noting that north is not the top of the page)

Find the University of Arizona's Junior Exhibition area. What educational materials are exhibited here? Use extra paper if necessary.

Explore the rest of the show including the Arena. I would also recommend checking out the tent cities and motels on the west side of I-10 south of Congress or the Inn Suites at St. Mary's & Granada.

6. On a separate piece of paper, describe your mineral show experience including:
What was the theme of the show?
What was your favorite part?

