

NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

Steven Wade Veatch

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Education



Steven's love for rocks and minerals began as a young child and continues to this day. In 2005, after studying paleontology and geology, and teaching both at Emporium College in Kansas, he volunteered as the Pebble Pup leader for the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society. Kids flocked to his classes and field trips!

Some of his creative ideas include:

- distance learning involving kids from across the U.S. via emails, blog sites, and the internet. He gives information, makes assignments and recognizes accomplishments.
- combined field trips with the various Colorado based clubs that have junior programs. These trips include field collecting, museum trips, and speaking engagements.
- research and writing activities which have encouraged kids to enter the Rocky Mountain Federation bulletin competitions with their articles, poems and drawings winning several awards.
- art classes to help youngsters make drawings of the items they are researching.
- he continues to invigorate sluggish youth groups in at least four Colorado clubs.

Professor Steven Veatch is maintaining interest in our hobby by building future rockhounds one kid at a time!