



January 2024 issue

**The next regular meeting will be January 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post at 3400 Veterans Drive in Traverse City. The main program will be on the “Trilobites of NW New York and Penn Dixie”.**

The next regular meeting of the Pebble Pups will be on January 17 at 5:30 pm at the VFW. See more Pups information later in the newsletter.

## December Highlights

The Christmas Dinner was held on Saturday, December 9 at the VFW.

## Food Pantry Donations

Lorna Coe and Jim and De Elder would like to thank all that have brought items for the food pantry and clothing donations. Due to the success of the program, they are going to continue this at every meeting. Non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, cold weather new, or clean, lightly-used clothing items and tote bags are welcomed. As an added incentive, every time you donate items, put your name in the hat for a drawing, which will take place at our Christmas dinner.

## More Rock & Mineral Specimens Needs for the Pups

The Pebble Pups need specimens for study and for Steven Veatch to give out at the Pup's meetings and for public outreach events that are staged about 4 times a year. People can contact Steven at [steven.veatch@gmail.com](mailto:steven.veatch@gmail.com) or bring them to the meetings for him.

## Upcoming Field Trip Planning

**PLEASE NOTE – WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A NEW FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR TO TAKE OVER FOR GARY BULL. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE POSITION, CONTACT GARY AT 231-590-3397.**

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## Membership Information

From Cathy Kowaleski, Membership Chair:

You must be a paid member to continue to receive club benefits (participation in classes, outings and receiving club newsletters.) Dues are \$15 Adult or \$20 for a couple, Juniors (8-17) \$5, and Rockpups under 8 are free with an adult membership. Make checks out to GTARMC.

Membership dues may be mailed to:

Cathy Kowaleski, Membership Chair  
801 S. Garfield Avenue #241  
Traverse City, MI 49686

Name badges are an additional \$8 per badge. Thank you!

## Club Show Signs

Please bring any yard signs to the January meeting if you would like to get them out of your house. If you would rather keep them until next year, that would be fine, just let me know how many you have and you must promise to put them out next year. My email is: [maple2b@aol.com](mailto:maple2b@aol.com)

## Club Email Addresses

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[If you have any photos that you would like to share of club events or members, those can be sent to:](#)

[photos@tcrockhounds.com](mailto:photos@tcrockhounds.com) or [noonanjohntc@gmail.com](mailto:noonanjohntc@gmail.com)

[To view club photos on Flickr, enter the following web address:](#)

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The above contact list will be included in each newsletter so that you know who to contact for various items.

## Facebook Page

Visit the club's Facebook page at this web address. There is also a link on our club website. <https://www.facebook.com/TCRockhounds>

## **Club's Pebble Pups Announce Field Trips Planned with the Boardman River Nature Center**

Steven Veatch, Pebble Pup leader, met with the Boardman River Nature Center's programming staff last week to work on the details offering, jointly, a series of youth oriented, Earth science related hikes on various parklands managed by the Grand Traverse Conservation District. The nature center's naturalists, along with pebble pup teachers and club geologists, will be providing these hikes:

- Winter Discovery Hike in January
- Water Discovery Hike in April
- Fossil Discovery Hike in May
- Exploring the Ice Age in June
- Soil Discovery in October

These guided trips will emphasize Earth science and will be marketed to the public by the nature center. In addition to the club's pebble pups and Earth science scholars, these trips are open to families who participate in the nature center's offerings. This will be an excellent chance for the Traverse City region to meet the pebble pups and for the club to recruit new children into the ranks of the pebble pups. More details and dates will be forthcoming. In the meantime, Michelle Peters, a pebble pup teacher, and club member, is working on several collecting trips. One is being planned for early next year, just after the ice is gone on a special beach, where the pups will find many geological treasures.