



## Rock Talks and More

Teachers of Grades 4, 7, and 9 in the Greater Toronto Area and York Region are invited to take advantage of Rock Talks: a program offered by GMB Services to enhance teaching of earth science units. Amateur geologists visit schools with over 100 rocks and minerals in six hands-on Activity Centres, making Rock Talks an in-school field trip—without the cost and time of bussing. Teachers receive Student Worksheets that can be reproduced and completed after the presentation.

Here are a couple of comments from teachers who have hosted Rock Talks.

*"...the foremost thing I saw was the students' interest and enthusiasm for the different rocks. They really enjoyed seeing all the various types they had never seen before. It sparked an interest in seeing more rocks for many students. They expressed a greater urge to travel and find interesting rocks of their own." Brampton*



*"We liked the fact that the presenter had a ton of real experience on real rock hounding and prospecting. It made him much more authentic, and very knowledgeable. He was also very patient and good with the kids. The size and variety of the samples he brought were great! The hands-on nature of this is essential in keeping kids around the Grade 4 age (9-10) engaged and interested." Richmond Hill*

GMB Services also offers a 90-minute workshop for teachers. Introduction to Rocks and Minerals is designed to give teachers the background and confidence to teach the Earth and Space Systems unit in Grade 4 (Rocks, Minerals, and Erosion) or in Grade 7 (The Earth's Crust).

For a great Web site to start learning about rocks, minerals, and geology, students can go to [www.rocksforkids.com](http://www.rocksforkids.com). Written for kids, it is a comprehensive resource and provides numerous links to kid-friendly rock information on the Internet.

For more information about Rock Talks, Introduction to Rocks and Minerals, and other learning opportunities, visit [www.gmbservices.ca](http://www.gmbservices.ca)