

## Super Science Saturday by Chuck Overall

TVGMS member and Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society members Stan Dickens, Chuck Overall, and Greg Hargelroad represented the society by participating in Super Science Saturday on November 9, 2013. Greg a TVGMS member and Earth Science teacher at Tehachapi High School asked the society to participate again this year as we did last year. The event began around noon on Saturday, and in the afternoon, another member Bob Papac came by and helped finish out the day.

The event was held at the Tehachapi High School Cafeteria and there were many activities going on the entire day and many actually at the same time. Community members, particularly the younger members of the community, were invited to participate in many activities that were fun and educational. The activities were designed to give the participant an idea of the numerous material rewards that can be made or obtained from the knowledge or a working understanding of the basic sciences.

The TVGMS display was geared to answer and promote questions about what we called the basic building blocks of science. Without knowledge, training, or an understanding of minerals, metals, and fossils most of the present day Sciences would be at a loss. What would Silicon Valley be able to do without the knowledge and ability of sciences to split Silica combinations into the chips used so much now in our everyday life?

Our presentation as always was well accepted. TVGMS took two meteorites and a Orthoceras fossil to be presented to the winners of a drawing held at the end of the day. Sign ups were taken all day and three winners were randomly drawn from the entries at the end of the days activities.

The meteorites were won by a father and daughter team Tony and Adriana Buendia. Kaitlynn York was the winner of the Orthoceras fossil. We will look forward to this event again next year.