

## GDPA Gold Panning Challenge 2021

- Competition will take place in the lower panning area in the established troughs. The troughs are approximately 32 inches high and 24 inches wide.
- The cost is \$3.00 for each attempt.
- Each contestant will be competing against the clock.
- You may use your own pan or one of ours. Pan must be able to fit in the trough and absolutely no Ferrari style or flat speed pans allowed.
- There are Beginner, Advanced and Junior categories. Beginners have no, or very little, gold panning experience. Advanced contestants mine gold as a hobby or have competed in the state or world gold panning championships. Junior is 12 or under. The GDPA reserves the right to determine the contestants category.
- If a Beginner's best time is equal to the third-place Advanced time, they will be moved to the Advanced category.
- Each contestant will be given the same amount of sand/gravel material to pan. It will be seeded with 4-8 flakes of #14 screen gold. The contestants will not know how many gold flakes are in their bucket.
- A plastic vial for the gold will be provided for each contestant.
- Contestant does not keep the gold recovered.
- **The Start:** Panner's hand can be near, but not touching the bucket of sand. The timer will say "Are you ready?" When contestant replies affirmatively the count will begin, 1-2-3 go! Timing will commence.
- If any sand spills from the bucket while pouring into the gold pan, the contestant cannot recover the spilled sand. It must remain on the ground or shelf.
- The timer will stop when the contestant collects each gold flake from the pan and places it in the vial provided, caps the vial, and raises their hand and states "DONE".
- After capping the vial, the contestant will go to the judging table where the flakes will be counted and the time recorded.
- There will be a 2-minute penalty for each flake that is not collected and a 2-minute penalty if you fail to cap your vial completely.
- A contestant may only hold one place on the leader board.
- Weekly update about the leader board will be posted on [marshallgold.com](http://marshallgold.com).
- The GDPA reserves the right to modify or expand these rules as the challenge progresses.