

What does DIV stand for?

DIV is short for Diggin' In Virginia. It is a fully licensed and insured Limited Liability Corporation in the state of Virginia owned and operated by John and Rose Kendrick (event organizers).

What are DIV hunts?

They are organized invitational relic hunts dedicated to the recovery and preservation of historical artifacts.

Where are DIV hunts held?

The organizers lease large parcels of land in counties that are either established long term winter camps or battlefield and skirmish sites on private property.

When are DIV hunts held?

The spring hunt is in mid to late March and the fall hunt is mid to late October or early November. Several factors are taken into consideration before a date is selected...the land owners requests, the normal weather conditions for that time of year, crops in the fields, hunting season, etc.

How can you participate in a DIV hunt?

An announcement will be made on the My Treasure Spot Diggin' forum when the sign ups will begin. Instructions will be given for the sign up process. Typically, the sign up will last several days. The order in which you sign up does not factor into the selection of participants. You must have a valid email address to be eligible for consideration. Sign ups are usually 6 months prior to the actual hunt.

How do you know you have been invited to the hunt?

Once the participants list has been finalized (usually within a week or two after sign ups end) the list is posted on the forum. You must then confirm via email that you will be attending the hunt. If you do not confirm by the deadline date that is given then you will loose you slot and alternates are moved into the vacant slots.

Does everyone that signs up get invited?

The number of participants chosen depends on the size of the hunt site and our best guess as to the amount of relics still left. A list of participants and a list of alternates are chosen at the end of sign ups.

How do alternates move up to the participants list?

When a cancellation is received then the next alternate on the list is moved into the vacant slot. Notification is made on the forum of who has moved up and they have 48 hours to confirm that they will be able to attend. If they do not confirm they will loose their slot and the next alternate is moved up. Once you have been removed from the roster you can not be added back on.

How much does it cost and what does this include?

The entry fee is \$250 except for occasional special events. This is for 3 full days of relic hunting and a good ole' fashioned Virginia BBQ picnic on the final day. Water and sodas are also provided free of charge.

Are the hunts funded by metal detector distributors/companies?

Sponsors of the hunts donate merchandise to be used for door prize drawings and/or raffle prizes. All paid participants names are entered into a drawing and they are eligible to win a door prize that has been donated by either the sponsors or by participants themselves. All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets are donated to local charities, chosen at the discretion of the organizers.

Does Diggin' In Virginia have its own website?

Donnie Smith, webmaster and owner, of My Treasure Spot has graciously offered to host the Diggin' forum. Donnie is also a DIV committee member. Being a sponsor of My Treasure Spot does not automatically guarantee you an invitation to DIV hunts.

When do you find out where the hunt site is located?

There is a pre-hunt meeting the night before the 1st day of the hunt. It is not mandatory that you attend but it is encouraged as the hunt location, a brief history of the site is given and maps are handed out.

What happens if I have to cancel once my entry fee is paid?

If you notify the organizers via email to digginva@hughes.net , at least thirty days (30) before the hunt that you will not be able to attend then you will receive a full refund. Cancellations received within the month that the hunt is to be held forfeit the paid entry fee.

What happens in the event of an emergency (illness/sickness) during the hunt?

Participants are encouraged to bring 2 way radios so they can call for help if needed and to stay in touch with each other, with the organizers and committee and the medical team. The medical team consists of a doctor, 2 medics and 2 EMT's, that are on site all 3 days with all the equipment needed. The local fire/rescue is also notified of the hunt location prior to the hunt.

What about lodging?

The organizers work with area hotels to negotiate the best possible rates. Depending on availability, large blocks of rooms (often times the entire hotel) are reserved to accommodate the number of participants. Usually 2 – 3 hotels are booked to give folks a choice to choose from. An email is sent to all participants in a timely manner with the hotel information. Each person is responsible to make their own reservations.

How do you get to the hunt site from the hotels?

Due to the number of participants, car pooling is mandatory. Once the number of vehicles has been determined then we ask for drivers of 4 wheel drive vehicles to volunteer. Each vehicle should be able to carry at least 4 persons. If a person can't line up their own ride then assignments are made closer to the hunt date.

Are guests allowed at the meeting and the hunt site?

Due to liability insurance restrictions guests are not allowed. It would impossible to maintain crowd control if every participant brought a guest.

Do you have site security? There are 4 security personnel on site at all times.