

San Juan Basin Archaeological Society - Annual Membership Form

a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation

For calendar year 20 _____

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Other family members: _____

*A family membership includes one or two adult(s) and all named juvenile members (under 18 years) of their family living together in one household.

Mailing address: _____ City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Cell phone 1: (____) _____ Cell phone 2: (____) _____

Email address 1: _____ Email address 2: _____

Membership Status and Dues: ____ Renewal ____ New Member ____ Returning Member

Check appropriate line(s) below:

	Individual	Family	Student
Annual Dues (Renewals due by January 31st)*	___\$25	___\$50	___\$10

Dues if joining after June 30th*	___\$15	___\$30	___\$5
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Additional Donation to John W. Sanders Internship & Education Fund \$ _____

Total \$ _____

*Note: Dues include tax deductible donation to the John W. Sanders Internship & Education Fund as follows:

Full year - Individual=\$10, Family=\$20.

Half year - Individual=\$5, Family=\$10.

Make your check payable to "SJBAS" and mail with this completed Annual Membership Form to: SJBAS, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 3153, Durango, CO 81302. New members, please mail a signed Waiver of Liability Form also.

SJBAS is a volunteer organization which relies on participation by its members. Please indicate your areas of interest:

____ Board Member ____ Field Trip Leader ____ Programs ____ Publicity ____ Newsletter ____ Social Events
____ Advocacy ____ Membership ____ Education ____ Computer Support ____ Other _____

Emergency Contact Information: List a person who could be contacted in case of an emergency. (Do not list a spouse or partner if you sometimes attend field trips together.)

Emergency contact name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency phone number: _____

"Waiver of Liability for SJBAS Activities" and "Site Visitation Etiquette at Archaeological, Cultural and Historical Sites and Photo Policies at Sensitive Sites" I hereby acknowledge, by my signature below, that I have read, signed, and agree to the 'Acknowledgement of Personal Responsibility, Release and Waiver of Liability for participation in SJBAS Field Trips and other Activities' and 'Site Visitation Etiquette at Archaeological, Cultural and Historical Sites and Photo Policies at Sensitive Sites.' **(New members - please return your signed Waiver with this Annual Membership Form).** I agree to observe and conduct myself in compliance with the SJBAS policies. I understand that SJBAS is dedicated to the preservation of our cultural resources and prohibits activities such as unauthorized collection of artifacts, or damage to cultural sites including the desecration of burial sites. I acknowledge that violation of the Acknowledgement and Waiver and the Site Visitation and Photo Policies referenced above, may result in termination or non-renewal of membership, at SJBAS' discretion.

Signature 1 _____ Date _____

Signature 2 _____ Date _____

Name (print): _____

Name (print): _____

**San Juan Basin Archaeological Society (SJBAS)
a Colorado Nonprofit and Federal 501(c)(3) Corporation**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY (WAIVER) FOR PARTICIPATION IN SJBAS FIELD TRIPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (FIELD TRIPS)

IN CONSIDERATION of permission to participate in FIELD TRIPS, I/We (I), the undersigned, recognize and acknowledge that such participation involves inherent risks, including, but not limited to, physical injury, property damage, and even death.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that by participating in FIELD TRIPS I could encounter risks, including, but not limited to, rough and precipitous terrain; difficult climbing, hiking, and driving; inclement weather; wildlife encounters and other hazards. On my behalf and that of my heirs, successors, assigns, guardians, and other representatives (I/OTHERS), I assume all risks for my personal safety, death and any injury I may suffer and the loss or damage to my property, or the property of others, caused by me and hold harmless SJBAS, its directors, officers, agents, members and trip organizers and other volunteers (SJBAS/MEMBERS).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I am solely responsible for choosing FIELD TRIPS that are within my physical and medical ability; for taking proper clothing, provisions, and equipment on FIELD TRIPS; and for making appropriate decisions in response to terrain, elevation, and weather conditions and their inherent hazards.

RELEASE AND WAIVER: I release, waive and forever discharge SJBAS/MEMBERS from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and liabilities, whether in law or in equity, arising from my participation in FIELD TRIPS.

INDEMNIFICATION: I agree to indemnify and hold harmless SJBAS/MEMBERS from any loss, liability, damage, and costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, which may arise out of or relate to my participation in FIELD TRIPS.

MEDICAL TREATMENT: I give permission to SJBAS/MEMBERS to provide or arrange for emergency medical treatment in case of an accident to me or my illness during FIELD TRIPS. I agree to be responsible for any costs associated with such treatment.

IMAGE RELEASE: I give permission to SJBAS to use my image in photographs taken during FIELD TRIPS for its website, and other educational and presentation material.

LAW/VENUE/VALIDITY: This WAIVER is to be governed by Colorado law, with venue in La Plata County. If any portion is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full force and effect.

FULL UNDERSTANDING: I have read this WAIVER and fully understand its terms. I understand that by signing this document I am waiving significant legal rights, including the right to file claims in administrative or legal tribunals. *

Signature _____	Date _____	Signature _____	Date _____
Name (print): _____		Name (print): _____	
Email: _____		Email: _____	
Address: _____			

*For couples, both individuals must sign. For those with an SJBAS family membership, by signing this waiver, parents agree to its terms for their children under 18.

FIRST TIME SJBAS MEMBERS, PLEASE RETURN THIS WAIVER WITH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

ADOPTED, December, 2024

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Site Visitation Etiquette at Archaeological, Cultural and Historical Sites and Photo Policies at Sensitive Sites

SJBAS Site Visitation Etiquette

Proper etiquette at archaeological, cultural, and historical sites is important for preservation of these resources. These guidelines are not specific to SJBAS members but apply to anyone visiting these sites. Proper etiquette for site visitation is similar to “leave no trace” ethics for enjoyment of wilderness areas. Please enjoy your visit; after you have departed, the site should be in the same condition as it was before your arrival. There may be variations in proper site etiquette between land management agencies and landowners, so please respect any more-stringent site-specific requirements.

- 1) **Avoid walking on or disturbing middens.** Middens are prehistoric trash heaps usually located immediately in front of or down slope of an alcove or cliff site. They are often identified by soft, charcoal-stained soil. Middens contain valuable archeological evidence of day-to-day activities that reveal significant preferences in pottery, food, tools, and even treatment of the dead. Since foot traffic causes erosion, please stay off the middens.
- 2) **Do not lean, stand, or sit on prehistoric walls,** as your activity may weaken the bonding material and eventually destroy them. Stay clear of more precarious sites, since any pressure, vibrations, and soil compaction may result in damage to the site.
- 3) **Leave all archaeological and historical artifacts where you find them,** including arrowheads, potsherds, or tools, as well as historic artifacts, 50 years old or older. In their original context, artifacts contain a wealth of information. Visitors who rearrange their finds are robbing the items of their true value. Creation of or adding to “Museum” rocks is prohibited because these displays invite the illegal collection of artifacts and degrade the archaeological record by destroying the context of their original location.
- 4) **Do not eat or prepare food within 100 feet of an archaeological or historical site.** Food remnants attract rodents that can cause significant damage to a site.
- 5) **Do not camp or build a campfire within 100 feet of an archaeological or historical site.** Fires can ruin walls by causing spalling, the peeling off of rock surfaces. Fires also blacken the walls and roofs of the site. Not only are the smudges unsightly, they also can affect archaeological dating.
- 6) **Dogs are not allowed on SJBAS field trips.** Dogs damage sites by digging, urinating, and defecating in them. Their actions can destroy fragile cultural deposits.
- 7) **Do not touch petroglyphs and pictographs in any way.** Even the slightest amount of contact with the oils in human skin can cause erosion of petroglyphs and destroy delicate pigments in pictographs. Taking tracings can cause direct mechanical damage to a petroglyph. Adding chalk or re-pecking petroglyphs destroys the original.
- 8) **Preserve historic inscriptions.** Often these names and dates inscribed with bullet lead and charcoal are the only means to retrace artifacts in museums to their original sites. Look for names like Wetherill, J.L. Ethridge, C.C. Graham, McLoyd, C.B. Lang, W.J. Billings, Harry French, D.W. Ayres, and Emory Knowles.
- 9) **Excavations.** The San Juan Basin Archaeological Society (SJBAS) does not sponsor unlicensed excavations. Such activities, whether on public or private land, damage sites, degrading their archaeological record. Members may participate in excavations supervised by a licensed professional archaeologist with an appropriate permit.
- 10) **SJBAS is not a law enforcement agency** and great care should be taken when encountering persons in the act of vandalizing or destroying these resources. Take pertinent notes, time, date, number of persons, their appearance, auto license plates, etc. and report the incident ASAP to the appropriate authorities or land management agency. If encountering misinformed persons, consider opening a dialogue for educational purposes if it can be done in a non-confrontational manner.

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SJBAS Photographic Policies

The objectives of the SJBAS photographic policies are to protect sensitive archaeological and cultural sites by safeguarding their location, protect the interests and reputation of SJBAS, and to comply with Tribal photographic policies during tours of archaeological and cultural sites on Tribal lands. This policy is directed toward sensitive archaeological and cultural sites; photographs and video taken at other sites may be freely shared on social media, but without any reference to SJBAS.

Definitions:

Sensitive archaeological and cultural sites

For the purposes of this policy, sensitive archaeological and cultural sites are those whose locations are not placed in the public record through official Government or Tribal sources including documents, websites, or USGS maps.

Location information

Location information includes location-revealing photos and videos, coordinates, maps, and links to pages that display this information. Location-revealing photos and videos are those that include landmarks that can be used to determine specific site location. Coordinates include those contained in the exchangeable image format (EXIF) metadata embedded in digital photos taken with GPS-enabled cameras and smart phones. To comply with this policy, all GPS location information, if present, must be removed from photos and video before posting.

Social Media

Websites and computer programs that allow people to communicate and share information on the internet using a computer or mobile phone. Some examples are Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr and all other public internet platforms.

Photographic Policies

- 1) Photographs and video of sensitive archaeological and cultural sites that do not contain location information may be taken during an SJBAS field trip for personal or SJBAS use.
- 2) Photographs and video of sensitive archaeological and cultural sites taken during an SJBAS field trip may not be posted on social media without express written permission from the site owner or land manager, including but not limited to Government or Tribal agencies or private entities that own or legally control the land on which the sites are located.
- 3) Photographs and video of sensitive archaeological and cultural sites which reference SJBAS may not be posted on social media without express written permission from the SJBAS Board.
- 4) The use of drones on SJBAS field trips is prohibited.
- 5) Field trip leaders have the discretion to prohibit still and video photography on any field trip.
- 6) Consider your fellow field trip participants and be considerate of them when you place yourself in close proximity to any rock art, structure, or other features that you would like to photograph and do not block the view of others while interpretation of the feature may be given by a guide.

I have read and agree to abide by the SJBAS Site Visitation Etiquette guidelines and Photographic Policies.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE KEEP THIS SIGNED FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS