

San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Annual Membership Form

Name(s) _____ and _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Preferred phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Category (check one) - memberships include CAS Southwestern Lore quarterly journal (*except Senior)

Membership Type	SJBAS dues	CAS dues	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$19.00	\$16.00	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$23.00	\$20.00	\$43.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65+) or Permanently Disabled (* no Southwestern Lore)	\$17.00	\$ 8.00	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family (65+) (* no Southwestern Lore)	\$21.50	\$10.00	\$31.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.00	\$17.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Family	\$11.50	\$10.00	\$21.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation to John W. Sanders Internship Fund			\$
		Total =	

If you pay CAS dues via another chapter, check here: _____. Name of chapter: _____

Membership renewals are due by January 31st each year. Make your check payable to 'SJBAS' and mail with this completed application form to our treasurer: **Randy Graham, 44 Crazy Horse Drive, Durango, CO 81301.** Donations to the John W. Sanders Internship Fund may be included.

SJBAS is a volunteer organization that requires participation by its members to be successful. Volunteering generally does not require any special skills. We need help with pre-meeting socials, the summer picnic, the holiday party, field trip coordination, membership, etc. If you would be willing to volunteer a few hours of time, please check, Yes _____. If you do have special skills or ideas, please list them below and on the back of this page. We will contact you.

If you have a special interest or background in archaeology, please discuss: _____

If you currently volunteer in an archaeological capacity, what do you do? _____

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 “Proper Etiquette at Archaeological and Historical Sites.”

In consideration of being permitted to join SJBAS and the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) and participate in their field trips and other activities, I hereby acknowledge, by my signature below, that I have read and agree to the “Acknowledgement of Personal Responsibility and Waiver of Liability for SJBAS Activities” and “Proper Etiquette at Archaeological and Historical Sites” (the Forms). I agree to observe the by-laws and Code of Ethics of both the CAS and the SJBAS and to conduct myself in an ethical manner when participating in the activities of these groups. I understand that both groups are dedicated to the preservation of our cultural heritage and prohibit activities such as unauthorized collection of archaeological, prehistoric or historic artifacts, or the desecration of burial sites. Please keep the Forms for your records.

_____ Signature	_____ Date	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Name (print):	_____ Name (print):	_____ Name (print):	Adopted November 2016

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

In consideration of being permitted to participate in San Juan Basin Archaeological Society (SJBAS) activities, participants must read, sign, and agree to abide by this Acknowledgement of Personal Responsibility and Waiver of Liability (Waiver). This Waiver must be signed each year. For couples, each individual must sign.

I understand and acknowledge that participation in vehicular travel, hiking, camping, working outdoors and other activities planned by the SJBAS can result in death, injury, and/or loss or damage to property (especially if I am not properly equipped or physically or medically prepared). I understand and acknowledge that these activities take place under a variety of weather conditions, difficult and changing terrain, and other hazards of outdoor activities.

I understand and acknowledge that the SJBAS, its volunteers, officers, directors, trip leaders and members (collectively "members") are responsible only for trip planning, organization, and leading, and are not responsible or liable for my personal welfare and safety. I am solely and completely responsible for choosing outings and activities that are within my physical and medical ability, for taking proper clothing, provisions, and equipment along to provide for my personal comfort and safety, and for making appropriate decisions in response to terrain, elevation, and weather conditions and their inherent hazards (such as falling, being struck by lightning, hypothermia and injuries caused by others) to ensure my safety.

On behalf of myself, my heirs, successors, assigns, guardian or other representative, I assume all risks for my personal safety, death or any injury I may suffer and/or the loss of or damage to my property, or the property of others, caused by me, while participating in any SJBAS activity. I hereby agree that I, my heirs, successors, assigns, guardian or other representative shall not make a claim against or sue the SJBAS and/or any of its members for death, injury or damage, including consequential damages, I may suffer that results from the negligence or other act or omission, however caused, by any member of the SJBAS in connection with my participation in any SJBAS activity. I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the SJBAS and its members from all actions, claims or demands that I, my heirs, successors, assigns, guardians or other representatives may have or may hereafter have for my death, injury or damage I may incur as a result of my participation in any SJBAS activity, and I release them from any liability for any such death, injury or damage. It is my intent to extinguish and waive any liability on the part of the SJBAS and its members for my death, injury or damage I may suffer as a result of my participation in any SJBAS activity.

In the event any claim is asserted against the SJBAS and/or its members for injuries or damage to me or my property, or for injuries or damages to third parties or their property caused in whole or in part by me, the SJBAS shall provide written notice to me of such claims, and thereafter I shall at my own expense defend and indemnify the SJBAS and/or its members against such claims and any related loss or liability, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the SJBAS and/or its members. In the event I fail to so defend and indemnify, the SJBAS and/or its members may defend, pay or settle said claim(s) without notice to me and with right of recourse against me for all payments made or agreed to be paid to discharge said claim(s), and all costs incurred, including reasonable attorney fees.

I agree that this Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted under Colorado law. If any portion is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full force and effect. This Waiver shall be unlimited as to amount and duration. This Waiver is governed by Colorado law, and venue shall be in La Plata County.

Signature Date Signature Date
Name (print): _____ Name (print): _____ Adopted January 2010



Proper Etiquette at Archaeological and Historical Sites

Proper etiquette at both archaeological and historical sites is very important for preservation of these valuable 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 exactly the same condition as it was before your arrival. Although there may be slight variations between resource management agencies and landowners, please respect any more-stringent site-specific conditions.

- 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 Ancestral Puebloan artifacts, such as arrowheads, potsherds, or tools, as well as historic artifacts, 50 years old or older, where you found them. In their original context, artifacts contain a wealth of information. Visitors who rearrange their finds are robbing the items of their true value.
- 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. Even the slightest amount of contact with 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, Emory Knowles, and Orian Buck.
- 9) The SJBAS is not a law enforcement agency and great care should be taken when encountering persons in the act of 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.

I have read and agree to abide by the above SJBAS Proper Etiquette standards.

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

Name (print): _____ Name (print): _____