

General Information about SJBAS Field Trips

Participation

Field trip participation is limited to SJBAS members and CAS members from other chapters. You may sign up for a field trip anytime by contacting the trip leader directly by email or phone. Leaders need to know how many are planning to go on each trip so they can plan transportation, arrange for permits, and advise participants of trip logistics.

Leaders may set trip participation limits. When a trip fills up, leaders will maintain a waiting list. SJBAS members have priority for participation in our chapter trips. Members from other CAS chapters who want to sign up for a trip with a participation limit will be put on a waiting list until one month before the trip. If space is still available, the trip leader may include CAS members on the trip. CAS members from other chapters will be required to sign a SJBAS Liability Release. If you have signed up for a trip and then find that you cannot attend, please contact the leader as soon as possible so others on the waiting list can be notified.

Logistics

Please arrive at the trip departure point on time, so as not to hold up the group. If you are driving, be sure that you have sufficient gasoline in your tank before meeting the group. If you are unable to leave with the group at the specified time, contact the leader and agree on where you will meet them.

Camping and 4WD/HC Vehicles

Camping trips involve car camping in an established campground or in a dispersed campsite with minimal facilities. Participants must bring all their own camping gear and food. A number of our trips require that we travel on rocky or unpaved roads, where a four-wheel-drive (4WD) vehicle or other high-clearance (HC) vehicle is advisable. Participants who do not own such vehicles can usually carpool with those who do. If you are in doubt regarding the nature of a trip, contact the trip leader.

Trip Planning

We want you to have fun on our trips and we try to arrange visits to interesting archaeological, historic, and cultural sites. If you have any suggestions regarding places you would like to visit, please attend our annual trip planning session and help develop our trip schedule. We are glad to fit additional trips into our schedule during the year, especially if you volunteer to be the trip leader.

Dogs

One last note: no dogs on our trips, please. We're sorry, but dogs simply create too many problems for too many people, and they frighten the wildlife that we like to see on our outings.