The San Juan Basin Archeological Society (SJBAS) is an all-volunteer club for individuals interested in exploring, learning about, and preserving archaeological, cultural and historical resources, primarily in the Four Corners region, but also across the country and around the world. SJBAS is a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation.

Meetings and Lectures

Unless otherwise noted on the website, SJBAS meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College, except for the June picnic and December holiday party and annual meeting. A pre-meeting social begins in the Center lobby at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting and lecture at 7:00 p.m. Check the website, www.sjbas.org, before each meeting to confirm location and time. Some lectures are co-sponsored with other groups and may not always be held in the Lyceum or on Wednesday.

Field Trip Program

Field trips, scheduled throughout the year, are open only to SJBAS members. A current Field Trip Schedule is published on the website, www.sjbas.org/Trips.htm, and in each Moki. Detailed information about each trip is available by contacting the trip leader. We encourage new members to participate. Some of the field trips have trip participation limits, so if you’re interested in one of these trips, do contact the trip leader sooner rather than later. If a trip is full, most leaders maintain a waiting list.

Moki Messenger newsletter (“the Moki”)

We email the monthly newsletter, the Moki Messenger, to SJBAS members who have provided their email addresses on the Membership application form. The current Moki and archived editions can also be found on the website, http://www.sjbas.org/Newsletters.htm.

Website

Additional announcements, schedules, speakers, archives, and resource information, including a reading list and an archaeological time line, are found on the SJBAS website, www.sjbas.org. We encourage new members to explore the website to become familiar with its helpful content. The website is updated frequently and has the most current information about the next meeting, field trips, and other SJBAS activities.

Volunteer Opportunities

SJBAS is a member-driven organization and we are only as effective as our volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to, helping with pre-meeting socials, leading field trips, serving on the Board of Directors, helping with our annual picnic and holiday brunch, serving on various committees, and helping with the John W. Sanders lecture and various other activities as they arise. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Susan Hicks at sc53hicks@gmail.com or visit http://www.sjbas.org/Volunteers.htm.

John W. Sanders Internship and Education Fund

This Fund, in memory of John W. Sanders, a beloved longtime President of SJBAS with a passion for archaeology, provides an internship for students at the FLC Center of Southwest Studies. SJBAS members may contribute directly to this 501(C)(3) Fund or participate in fundraising activities.
Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)

PAAC classes offered by the Assistant State Archaeologist/History Colorado are open to SJBAS members and non-members at a nominal cost. Participants can obtain a broad knowledge of archaeologically-related topics and formally recognized levels of expertise to facilitate avocational archaeological public service in Colorado. Course dates, usually on the weekend, and locations can be found on the SJBAS website or at History Colorado.

Other Questions? Ideas? Interested in helping SJBAS?

Again, welcome to SJBAS! It’s a wonderful group of fun individuals who share a strong interest in the archaeology, culture, and historical resources of the region. We encourage your involvement as both a Member Participant and Member Volunteer. After you take a few months to get your feet wet, please consider helping in some capacity small or large, such as assisting with meeting socials, coordinating a field trip or providing your ideas for additional speakers and field trips. You will get to know other members, have more fun, and help SJBAS thrive.

Contact us: Please visit http://www.sjbas.org/Contact.htm for Board member contact information.

Thanks for joining!