

**San Juan Basin Archaeological Society - Annual Membership Form – Year 20\_\_**  
a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Other family members: \_\_\_\_\_

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)	___\$15	___\$30	___\$10
Dues if joining after June 30th	___\$10	___\$20	___\$ 5
Donation to John W. Sanders Internship & Education Fund			\$_____
		Total	\$_____

Make your check payable to "SJBAS" and mail with this completed Annual Membership Form to: **SJBAS, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 3153, Durango, CO 81302.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**"Waiver of Liability for SJBAS Activities" and "Proper Etiquette at Archaeological and Historical Sites."**

In consideration of being permitted to join SJBAS and participate in its 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." (Please keep these forms for your records.) I agree to observe SJBAS Bylaws and Proper Etiquette policy and to conduct myself in an ethical manner when participating in SJBAS activities. I understand that SJBAS is dedicated to the preservation of our cultural heritage and prohibits activities such as unauthorized collection of archaeological, prehistoric or historic artifacts, or the desecration of burial sites. I acknowledge that rejection or termination of membership may be due to violation of the SJBAS Bylaws or Proper Etiquette policy, or for other good cause.

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Signature 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted June 2019

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## Proper Etiquette at Archaeological and Historical Sites

Proper etiquette at both archaeological and historical sites is very 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.
- 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 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, 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 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.

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

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Signature    Date

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Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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