

WESTERN INTERIOR PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

RELEASE OF LIABILITY



Participant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Activity: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that all activities sponsored or conducted by the Western Interior Paleontological Society (WIPS) may be hazardous and may result in loss, damage, injury or death;

With full knowledge of these dangers, I hereby agree for myself, all of my family and my heirs, to **RELEASE** WIPS and any of its committees, groups, representatives or agents from liability, claims, demands or any causes of action, and **NOT TO SUE OR OTHERWISE MAKE ANY CLAIM** against WIPS or any of its committees groups, representatives or agents whatsoever which may arise during my participation in any activities of WIPS.

I intend this **RELEASE OF LIABILITY** to be effective whether or not any loss, damage, injury, or death **RESULTS FROM NEGLIGENCE** of WIPS or any of its agents, leaders, instructors, guides, officers, directors, representatives or affiliates. I understand that negligence means a failure to do an act which a reasonable, careful person would not do, under the same similar circumstances, to protect himself, herself or others from injury or death.

I agree to be solely responsible for my own safety and to take every precaution to provide for my own safety and well-being while participating in activities of WIPS.

Signature _____ Date _____

IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW:

I am the legal guardian of the above named minor and read the above **RELEASE**. I hereby consent to the terms of the **RELEASE** on behalf of the above named minor and give my consent to the participation of the above named minor in all activities of WIPS on the terms stated above.

Signature _____ DATE _____
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

THE PURPOSES of the Society shall be scientific, educational and charitable and shall include providing educational programs in and promoting the study of paleontology and related disciplines; the planning of field trips, lectures, seminars and other educational and science related activities; the making available of information as to exploring for, identifying, preparing, preserving, and displaying fossils; encouraging adherence to responsible codes of conduct in the exploration and collection of fossils; assisting museums and educational institutions in the furtherance of their paleontology related activities; and cooperating with government authorities in the development of laws governing the collection of fossils and their preservation for future generations.

By the direction of the Board of Directors of WIPS, we are conducting all our activities by the CODE OF ETHICS.

Please read these 7 statements carefully and return the signed copy to the Field Trip Leader.

Members of WIPS are required to conform to the following code of ethics:

Code of Ethics

Members of the Western Interior Paleontological Society will:

1. Conduct themselves with a positive attitude toward each member of the Society, it's officers and organizations with which we interact.
2. Stay informed and comply with all Federal, State and Local regulations pertaining to collection policies, practices and regulations.
3. Obtain permission from private landowners or governmental agencies prior to collecting on lands either as an individual or as a WIPS member.
4. Assure that all land and property is left without damage and litter.
5. Cooperate with field trip leaders and be responsible as a parent or sponsor during field trips and meetings.
6. Strive to adequately identify and label locality, age and formation of specimens collected.
7. Report to proper authorities any discovery of scientific or public interest and allow specimens to be studied for scientific purposes.

I understand and agree to conform to the WIPS CODE OF ETHICS.

Signature

Date