

Release of Liability and Cultural Resource Protection Policy

The participant(s) agrees to abide by all rules and regulations established by the Vermillion Chapter of Colorado Archaeology Society (VERMILLION) and/or any organization(s), agency(s), or person(s) that may have jurisdiction or regulatory powers of any nature concerning the activities or fieldtrips of VERMILLION, and participant(s) must and hereby agrees to bear the total costs of any damages and fines resulting from his/her/their actions, thereby releasing VERMILLION, its officers and representatives and personnel from any liability whatsoever.

The participant(s) realizes that there are certain dangers inherent in any activity and hereby releases VERMILLION from all liability regarding dangerous activity. Either acts of happenstance (such as, but not limited to, snakebite, poisonous plants and insects, self-induced dangers (such as, but not limited to, climbing on loose rocks or ledgers, walking along cliff edges, exposure, dehydration, etc.) and any other situation not described above that may jeopardize the safety or well being of the applicant(s) or participant(s) shall not be the liability of VERMILLION, its officers, representatives or personnel.

The participant(s) authorize VERMILLION, its officers and representatives and personnel involved in the above activities, in its broadest sense, to administer emergency treatment for any accident, injury or illness incurred during the period of the above named activities, and to enlist, contract for, or hire any professional medical and/or dental services they feel are necessary for the safety and well being of the participant(s). It is further understood that the cost of such emergency transportation and /or rescue services is to be borne in full by the participant(s,) and VERMILLION and its officers or representatives are released from any obligation or liability concerning such costs.

The Vermillion Chapter fosters responsible public archaeology by educating the public on our rich cultural heritage and the importance of preserving and protecting its fragile cultural resources. We do this by leading field trips, participating in site surveys, excavation, curation, and site stewardship. We expect our members and guests to abide by the CAS Code of Ethics in participating in all these activities. Members leading these activities are responsible for ensuring that all participants have signed a non-disclosure/confidentiality agreement, specifying that they will not divulge any non-public information concerning the site, in any form whatever, including but not limited to website posts or any sort of social media, emails, and presentations to various public/professional groups.

In addition to adhering to the CAS Code of Ethics, CAS members and guests are expected to:

- Treat artifacts and features with respect.
- Leave artifacts where you find them.
- Refrain from standing or sitting on the walls of prehistoric or historic structures when touring or working at sites.
- Stay on established roads and trails.
- Refrain from writing, touching, shooting at, removing, tampering with, or attempting to repair any archaeological site.
- Report any vandalism to the appropriate agency or land manager.
- Refrain from posting photographs of non-public sites. See Social Media Policy available on CAS website.
- Refrain from touching rock art
- Teach trip participants respect for the sites
- Keep all pets leashed to protect sites

The participant(s) certifies that I am of legal age and competence to act in this manner. If the participant(s) is a minor child, a legal head of that family or legal guardian must acknowledge this release of liability on the participant(s) behalf.

Name _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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