

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