

# Dallas Paleontological Society

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**Membership**    Application    Renewal    Info Update Only

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

\$25.00 - Single                       \$30.00 - Family                       \$20.00 – Newsletter Subscription

\$\_\_\_\_\_ *Additional Tax Deductible Contribution*

I/we would also like to volunteer to help on the following committee(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian         | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotions (FG&M shows, web sales, fund raising, etc.)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership        | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications (occasional papers, calendar, etc.)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Research Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality (meeting & special events receptions, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips (coordinate, lead, etc.)    |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs (meetings, guest speakers, etc.)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events (Auction, Picnics, etc.) |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Website (design & maintenance)                          |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in being a Calendar Model               |

I have the skills to help in the following area(s):

- CPA (Audits)                       Legal Counseling                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBER/DIRECTORY INFORMATION

	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3
NAME(S):			
ADDRESS			
CITY, STATE, ZIP:			
HOME PHONE:			
WORK PHONE:			
E-MAIL:			
MOBILE:			
FAX:			
(Other):			
BIRTH DATE:			
OCCUPATION/ SKILLS:			
SPECIAL PALEO INTEREST:			

I understand and agree that the Dallas Paleontological Society assumes no liability in case(s) of accident or injury, therefore I release and hold harmless the Society, it's officers and agents from any claim and/or damages of any kind arising from any activity associated with the Society.

I also understand and agree that by signing this application/renewal, I will abide by the Society's Code of Ethics and Conduct (printed on the back of this application)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Membership Use
Date Received: _____
CK#: _____

# **THE DALLAS PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

## **CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT**

Purpose of the Dallas Paleontological Society per the Constitution:

- To promote serious interest in and knowledge of the science of paleontology.
- To be a network for the exchange of data between professionals and serious amateurs in the field.
- The Society is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes.

To assist the Society in meeting this mission statement and goals, the following are the guidelines for the Code of Ethics and Conduct.

1. Members will conduct themselves in a manner that best represents the purpose of the Society.
2. Members will act responsibly and safely so as not to bring other members or themselves into harm or danger. Firearms are prohibited from all Society functions.
3. Members will respect all private and public properties and will not collect without appropriate permission. Moreover, members will make a sincere effort to keep themselves informed of all laws, regulations and rules regarding collecting on private and public lands.
4. No member will use the name of the Society to gain access to lands, or scientific sites actively under study by paleontological professionals for personal gain or profit.
5. Members will respect and cooperate with the field trip leader or designated authorities in collecting areas. Field trip leaders may ask that certain scientifically significant fossils, found on society field trips, be surrendered to the appropriate facilities. The determination of scientific significance will be the responsibility of the field trip leader.
6. Members will not visit a site prior to a scheduled field trip with the intent or purpose to prevent fair collecting opportunities by the members of the Society.
7. Members should contact the DPS Fossil Bureau of Investigation or appropriate professionals upon discovery of what the member considers may be scientifically significant fossils. This includes excavation, preparation, and documentation of the fossils in question. Members should consider donating such fossils to appropriate facilities.
8. Members will not barter, sell or purchase scientifically significant fossils unless it brings them into or keeps the fossils within a public trust. We acknowledge that any private trade or commerce in scientifically significant fossils deprives both the public and professionals of important specimens such that part of our natural heritage is consequently lost.
9. Membership of any person failing to uphold the purpose of the Society may be terminated upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, followed by a simple majority vote of the members.