

ROCKHOUND CODE OF ETHICS

- ◇ I will **respect** both **private** and **public property** and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- ◇ I will keep informed on all **laws**, regulations and rules governing collecting on private lands and will observe them.
- ◇ I will to the best of my ability, **ascertain the boundary lines of property** on which I plan to collect.
- ◇ I will use **no firearms or blasting materials** in collecting areas.
- ◇ I will cause **no willful damage** to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- ◇ I will leave all **gates** as found.
- ◇ I will build **fires only in designated or safe places** and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- ◇ I will **discard no burning materials** – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- ◇ I will **fill all excavation holes** which may be dangerous to livestock.
- ◇ I will **not contaminate** wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- ◇ I will **cause no damage to collecting material** and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- ◇ I will support the Rockhound Project H.E.L.P. (**Help Eliminate Litter Please**) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- ◇ **I will cooperate** with Field Trip Leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- ◇ **I will report** to my Club or Federation Officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other **material** on public lands **which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations** and for public educational and scientific purposes.
- ◇ I will **appreciate** and protect our **heritage of Natural Resources**.
- ◇ I will observe the “**Golden Rule**”, will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will **add** to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.