



**If you are interested in**  
**Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology,**  
**Indian Artifacts, Lapidary Arts or Field Collecting**  
**The Columbus Rock & Mineral Society**  
**Might be just what you're looking for!**

**Benefits of CRMS membership:**

- Families welcome
- Monthly meetings with interesting speakers
- Active field trip program
- Pebble Pups activities for children
- August picnic
- December holiday potluck and auction
- Informative monthly newsletter, the Glacial Groove
- Sponsor annual Central Ohio Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show & Sale



**Come join us!** We're a friendly group and guests are always welcome. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from September through May at the Columbus Mennonite Church located at 35 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus, OH 43214. Easily accessible from I-71 and Rt. 315, the church is one block east and north of the intersection of North Broadway and High Street (Rt. 23) in Clintonville. The church entrance and parking lot are accessible from Broadway Place, a *one-way* street with access from North Broadway. The church is handicap accessible with ramps and an elevator. We meet in Fellowship Hall on the second floor. If you arrive late, please ring the doorbell on the parking lot door and someone will come down to let you in. Meeting dates and directions to our meeting place are also posted on our website at [www.ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety.org](http://www.ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety.org).

Founded in 1958, our society is dedicated to promoting education and interest in geology, mineralogy, Indian artifacts, paleontology and the lapidary arts. Our membership runs the gamut from beginning hobbyists to professional geologists. Monthly gatherings include a brief business meeting followed by an interesting speaker. Our Pebble Pups program for children features periodic pre-meeting activities from 6:30-7 p.m. with occasional weekend field trips. Adult members who enjoy field collecting can participate in a number of club-sponsored field trips to collect at regional quarries. We take a break during the summer but reunite for a picnic in August. In December, we enjoy a holiday potluck with live and silent auctions of minerals, fossils, jewelry and more.

A nonprofit organization, CRMS hosts an annual family-friendly mineral, fossil, gem and jewelry show and sale with educational exhibits, speakers, demonstrations, specimen identification, silent auctions, special activities for children, and numerous dealers with treasures for sale from around the world. Proceeds from the show benefit our scholarship fund. Since 1984, we are proud to have awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships to more than 100 Ohio college students majoring in Earth Sciences.

We invite you to come check us out. Try a meeting or two and see if we're what you're looking for. If you're interested in geology, we are your kind of people! We look forward to meeting you. Membership applications and additional information about our club are available on our website.

**For more information, visit our website at [www.ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety.org](http://www.ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety.org)  
or Follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety)**

# CRMS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Complete this Membership Application *and* the CRMS Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement and return to CRMS with your dues payment. For family memberships, each adult must complete a separate waiver form. If you are a returning member, you WILL NEED TO COMPLETE the newly revised waiver form. If you plan to participate in club field collecting trips, you must also sign the newly revised Code of Ethics. Dues may be paid to the treasurer at any meeting or by mail to: **Teri Ryan, 2009 Willow Glen Lane, Columbus, OH 43229. Make checks payable to CRMS.** Please do not mail cash.

## Please PRINT information below as you want it to appear in the club directory:

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you are a returning member and the following information currently listed in the directory has not changed. Please note below any changes to your information such as new phone or email.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (best way to reach you): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND ADULT NAME (if family membership): \_\_\_\_\_

Second adult phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (first names & ages only): \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in (check all that apply):  **Field Trips** (*check to get info*)  **Youth Activities** (*check to get info*)

Geology  Fossils  Minerals  Paleontology  Indian Artifacts  Microminerals  Lapidary Arts

Jewelry Making  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DUES PAYMENT. Please mark your choices:

Check one: Annual dues are valid from January 1 through December 31.

Annual membership:  Individual \$20 or  Family \$25 (Parents & children under 18 living in the same house.)

Partial year membership:  Individual \$10 or  Family \$15 (Dues are prorated if you join *after June 30.*)

*Note: Partial year memberships end on December 31 of the year you join.*

Check one:  Cash or  Check (payable to CRMS) attached (Please do not mail cash.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues amount enclosed

**MAIL MY NEWSLETTER** All members listing an email address receive a digital copy of the Glacial Groove, our monthly newsletter. Check the box if you would *also* like the Groove mailed to your home at no charge.

**I want a PRINTED COPY OF THE DIRECTORY** All members listing an email address receive a digital membership directory but are also entitled to 1 free printed directory per family. However, to manage costs, please indicate if you want a printed directory. If you want more than the 1 free printed directory allowed and/or if you want your directory mailed, you must fill in the appropriate lines below. Directories are distributed at the February and subsequent meetings.

+ \_\_\_\_\_ **Additional printed directories @ \$5 each**

+ \_\_\_\_\_ **\$5 to mail directory to your home** (1 charge even if you are having multiple directories mailed; remember there is no charge to mail the newsletter to your home)

= \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL DUE** (Annual dues plus directory charges, if selected)

**EACH ADULT MEMBER must complete their own waiver (below) and return it with their dues payment.**

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## Columbus Rock & Mineral Society (CRMS) Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement

1.0 I, \_\_\_\_\_, desire to participate in Columbus Rock & Mineral Society (CRMS) field  
(please **PRINT** full name of participant)

trips/activities. I fully understand and appreciate the dangers, hazards and risks inherent during any Activity, in the transportation to and from the Activity, and in any independent research or activities I undertake as an adjunct to the Activity, which dangers include but are not limited to serious and mortal injuries and property damage.

2.0 Knowing the dangers, hazards, and risks of such Activity and research, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Activity and research, on behalf of myself, my family, heirs, assigns, my estate and anyone claiming through me, release waive, forever discharge and covenant not to sue CRMS, it's officers, directors, members, agents or third parties (hereafter called the "Releasees") connected with the CRMS Activity of any and all claims, loss, injury, damage, demands, actions, causes of action, costs, and expense of every nature, known or unknown for damage to personal property, personal injury, death, as well as any emotional or psychological harm, or damages or loss of reputation, employment, income, contract, property rights and due process.

I further agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities known or unknown surrounding my participation in the Activity, including transportation to or from, or any independent research or activities undertaken as an adjunct thereto. I understand the activities are inherently dangerous have inherent risks and I understand those risks and assume responsibility to protect myself from those risks and acknowledge that CRMS cannot foresee all risks and hazards.

3.0 I understand and agree that Releasees do not have medical personnel available at the location of the Activity. I understand and agree that Releasees are granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment if necessary, and that such action by Releasees shall be subject to the terms of this agreement. I understand and agree that Releasees assume no responsibility for any injury or damage of any kind or nature which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized emergency medical treatment.

4.0 In signing this Release, I acknowledge and represent that I have fully informed myself of the content of the foregoing waiver of liability and hold harmless agreement by reading it before I sign it, and I understand that I sign this document as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written statement have been made. I understand that the corporation (CRMS) does not require me to participate in this Activity, but I want to do so, despite the possible dangers and risks and despite this Release. I further state that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, and fully competent to sign this Agreement – and that I execute this Release for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same. I further state that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict my participation in the Activity, and that I have adequate health insurance to provide and pay for any medical costs that may be attendant as a result of injury to me.

5.0 I further agree that this Release is in effect in perpetuity once executed, unless revoked in writing, and delivered to CRMS and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the state in which CRMS is incorporated, Ohio. If any term of this provision of this Release shall be held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this Release, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Release this: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date: Month – Day – Year)

**Participant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**Phone (with area code):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (with area code):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Signature (must be at least 18 years old):** \_\_\_\_\_

**EACH adult member who plans to participate in CRMS field trip activities must complete their own Code of Ethics (below) and return it with their dues or to the Field Trip Coordinator before or at their first field trip.**

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## **CODE OF ETHICS FOR COLUMBUS ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS**

This Code of Ethics has been created to govern the behavior of Columbus Rock & Mineral Society (CRMS) members and any guests who participate in CRMS-sponsored field/collecting trips. CRMS expects its members to comply with this Code, and suggests compliance during non CRMS-sponsored field/collecting trips. This Code is a modified version of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) Code of Ethics. It is noted that all CRMS members also belong to the Midwest Federation (MWF) of AFMS and AFMS by club affiliation. The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to motivate field trip participants to make field trip activities safe for everyone who is on a host property, prevent property damage and theft, prevent damage to the environment and natural resources, promote good outdoor manners, promote enjoyable and educational field activities, and generally be responsible while setting good examples as CRMS members.

Each field trip participant shall, before his/her first field trip, sign and date a statement (kept by the field trip chairperson) that the participant has read and understands this Code of Ethics and that the participant agrees to comply with same.

The field trip chairperson shall have the authority to suspend, limit, or end field trip privileges for any participant who does not comply with this Code of Ethics, especially if such non-compliance results in a significant safety issue or might jeopardize the Club's future collecting privileges.

During all CRMS-sponsored field/collecting trips (including transport to and from):

1. I will respect both private and public property and will not collect on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
2. I will keep informed on all laws, regulations, and rules governing collecting on public lands and will comply with them.
3. I will complete the MSHA training course before entering areas that require MSHA certification, and will have a copy of my certification on my person on all trips.
4. I will to the best of my ability locate the boundary lines of property on which I collect.
5. I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas owned by others.
6. I will cause no willful damage to real or personal property belonging to others.
7. I will leave all gates as found or as instructed by the property owner.
8. I will build fires only in designated/safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
9. I will fill and re-grade all holes I excavate to eliminate hazards to people, livestock, and vehicles.
10. I will not contaminate water resources such as wells, streams, ponds, etc.
11. I will not cause willful damage to collecting material and will take only what I can utilize fully, and channel my surplus to benefit others.
12. I will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter to the best of my ability, regardless of how found, and I will not discard burning material such as matches, cigarettes, etc.
13. I will abide by rules as set by each field trip host, unique to each trip.
14. I will use appropriate safety equipment, wear appropriate clothing (Long Pants, Steel-Toed Boots, Safety Glasses), and carry adequate drinking water on field trips.
15. I will secure permission to use any power equipment from the property owner before collecting.
16. I will report to my club, or public land authorities, any deposit of fossilized material which should be protected for future educational and scientific purposes.
17. I will, if I advertise specimens for sale, list the collection locality only as county and state.
18. I will sign up in advance for all field trips I wish to attend; and I will sign up, or if need be cancel, within the time prescribed by the field trip chairperson (this also applies to guests).
19. I will not enter a mine area on a club trip without accompaniment by quarry personnel, nor will I enter the field trip area without first signing in (at the office) and signing any required on-site training form.

**To participate in CRMS field trips, you must submit one signed whole copy of this form with your annual dues or to the CRMS Field Trip Coordinator prior to or at your first CRMS field trip. Retain one signed copy for your records and for review as needed. This form is valid until it is updated, and then you will need to submit the new form. Additional copies will be available at meetings and on the club website. The signing of this form is a requirement for field trip participants in addition to signing the Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement.**

I intend to participate in Columbus Rock & Mineral Society (CRMS) field trips and I have read the CRMS Code of Ethics and agree to comply with same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***For field trip chair use only:***

Date received by field trip chair: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Field trip chair signature