



# Society of Vertebrate Paleontology

## 2010 Junior Membership Application

For the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

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- ▶ To apply for Junior Membership, complete the application below.
- ▶ Junior Memberships are only open to individuals between 14-17 years of age (as of January 1 of the year of application).
- ▶ The Junior Member **MUST** transition to another form of membership by January 1 after the Junior Member turns 18 if they continue with their SVP membership. Junior Members transitioning to Student Membership will be expected to complete a new copy of the application form signed by their advisor and check the box indicating that they are transitioning from junior membership.
- ▶ A parent or legal guardian must sign below on this application indicating that they have read and understand the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology's Bylaw on Ethics Statement that the applicant has agreed to, and attest to the information provided by the applicant in the application, or the applicant must provide proof of emancipation.
- ▶ Applicants must also provide a 250-500 word, typed, personal statement (paragraph) stating why they are interested in becoming a member of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP).
- ▶ Applicants must also provide a letter of reference from a teacher, SVP Member or person in the field of paleontology (or related field) with knowledge of the applicant's abilities, qualifications, and interests.
- ▶ A Junior Member will have access to the online/electronic *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology (JVP)*.
- ▶ A Junior Member does not have voting rights.
- ▶ Junior Members are expected to ascribe to the Bylaw on Ethics Statement of the SVP.

### About You (please print clearly)

Title: Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**PLEASE PRINT THE EMAIL ADDRESS CLEARLY**

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Current grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_

List any clubs or societies that you belong to below:

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### Membership Description

**Junior Member (Electronic Subscription)** receives a one year ELECTRONIC ONLY subscription to the *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* — the most widely read journal in the profession. This membership type has no voting rights.

**Meetings:** Junior Members may attend SVP annual meetings at the Student Member rate only if a parent or guardian (if the student is not emancipated) accompanies them. The parent/guardian must be a registered attendee at the meeting (at the guest attendee rate if not a member). In order to pick up their registration materials, the Junior Member and guardian/parent must be together at the meeting registration desk (at the meeting venue) and show a valid photo id. The parent or guardian **MUST** accompany the Junior Member to all SVP social functions the Junior Member attends, and sit at the same table with the Junior Member while at the event. Social events include, but are not limited to, the: Welcome Reception, Student Roundtable and Reprint Exchange, guest speaker events, Auction and After Hours Party.

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## Payment (must be made at this time)

Allow 6-8 weeks for your application to be reviewed, approved and processed.

You will receive an acceptance letter by mail.

Junior Member – Electronic Subscription \$25      Total Dues Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method:

Visa    MasterCard    American Express   Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(I hereby authorize The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology to charge my credit card the amount indicated in the "Total" field.)

Check (Number \_\_\_\_\_)       Wire Transfer (Transfer date \_\_\_\_\_, Issuing Bank \_\_\_\_\_)

Payments made by wire transfer are subject to a \$30 fee for wire transfers from U.S. banks and a \$45 fee for wire transfers from banks outside the U.S.

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## Signature

Upon approval of my membership to the SVP, I agree to abide by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology's Ethics Statement provided below. NOTE: The application will NOT be processed without a signature of agreement to the By-Law on Ethics below.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the Parent/Guardian of the applicant and have read and understand the SVP Bylaw on Ethics Statement that the applicant has agreed to and attest to the information provided by them in the application.

Note: the signature of the Parent/Guardian is waived if proof of emancipation is provided.

### The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology By-Law on Ethics

"Article 12. Statement of Ethics.

Several goals for the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology follow from its mission statement (Constitution Article 1): to discover, conserve, and protect vertebrate fossils and to foster the scientific, educational, and personal appreciation and understanding of them by amateur, student and professional paleontologists, as well as the general public. Fossil vertebrates are usually unique or rare, nonrenewable scientific and educational resources that, along with their accompanying contextual data, constitute part of our natural heritage. They provide data by which the history of vertebrate life on earth may be reconstructed and are one of the primary means of studying evolutionary patterns and processes as well as environmental change.

- It is the responsibility of vertebrate paleontologists to strive to ensure that vertebrate fossils are collected in a professional manner, which includes the detailed recording of pertinent contextual data (e.g. geographic, stratigraphic, sedimentologic, taphonomic).
- It is the responsibility of vertebrate paleontologists to assist government agencies in the development of management policies and regulations pertinent to the collection of vertebrate fossils, and to comply with those policies and regulations during and after collection. Necessary permits on all lands administered by federal, state, and local governments, whether domestic or foreign, must be obtained from the appropriate agency(ies) before fossil vertebrates are collected. Collecting fossils on private lands must only be done with the landowner's consent.
- Fossil vertebrate specimens should be prepared by, or under the supervision of, trained personnel.
- Scientifically significant fossil vertebrate specimens, along with ancillary data, should be curated and accessioned in the collections of repositories charged in perpetuity with conserving fossil vertebrates for scientific study and education (e.g. accredited museums, universities, colleges, and other educational institutions).
- Information about vertebrate fossils and their accompanying data should be disseminated expeditiously to both scientific community and interested general public.
- The barter, sale, or purchase of scientifically significant vertebrate fossils is not condoned unless it brings them into, or keeps them within, a public trust. Any other trade or commerce in scientifically significant vertebrate fossils is inconsistent with the foregoing, in that it deprives both the public and professionals of important specimens, which are part of our natural heritage."