### **Rules of Agreement**

South Sound Paranormal Research (253) 678-4285 www.sspri.org



SSPR provides a comprehensive approach to paranormal investigations. Using historical research, thorough witness interviews, the latest sensor and photographic technology, a diverse background of metaphysical knowledge, and investigative patience, our investigators seek to understand the nature of the reported paranormal activity, as well as the causes. Our mission is to gather evidence, whether that evidence points to a natural or paranormal cause, because our only purpose is to find the truth.

# Our services are always free-of-charge.

Our investigators take a professional approach, seeking first to exclude all natural causes for reported activity before making a paranormal determination. Prior to starting any investigation requested by a private party, we confer with the home or business owner, letting him/her know exactly what to expect during the investigation. We discuss the level of confidentiality that the home or business owner expects, and then we put those expectations in writing. We understand that our clients often have nowhere else to turn, and our primary mission, above all other goals, is to assist them.

## The following rules ensure the smooth operation of SSPR investigations.

- 1) SSPR members will make every effort to follow each of the current investigation standards as listed on the SSPR website. These standards exist to protect our members' safety and maintain the credibility of the evidence the group gathers during investigations.
- 2) SSPR members will always obtain permission from the appropriate property owner or trustee to investigate a site before entering anyone's property. Always. SSPR members will never trespass. Period.
- 3) At all times during investigations, and anytime SSPR members are representing the group, members must maintain a professional attitude and demeanor. Our goal should be an attitude of reverence and respect.
- 4) SSPR members will be on time to investigations. Being late to an investigation is inexcusable, as it reflects on the group in the eyes of the property owner or trustee giving us permission to investigate at the site, or in the eyes of the client who has asked us for assistance at their home or business.
- 5) SSPR membership should not grow to more than 10 active investigators. Active investigators have priority over reserve investigators when choosing who will go on investigations with a limited number of spots available. Active investigator status is reserved for those SSPR members who are:
  - a) Actively seeking to participate in SSPR activities and investigations every month.
  - b) Proactively studying and seeking knowledge about the metaphysical, the unexplained, and paranormal phenomenon...as well as new and varied approaches to measuring, recording, and understanding reported paranormal activity.
- 6) If a SSPR member has not attended any SSPR activities or investigations for a period of three months, they will be placed on reserve status and a replacement will be sought for their active investigator position.
- 7) SSPR members will keep up-to-date on SSPR activities and investigations by frequently visiting the SSPR website

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and message board. It is not the responsibility of the group to keep individual members up-to-date on when activities and investigations have been scheduled.

- 8) SSPR members must keep their e-mail and telephone number information up-to-date with the group lead(s).
- 9) It goes completely without saying, but illegal possession of a weapon during an investigation is unsafe and prohibited. Use of alcohol or mind-altering drugs prior to or during an investigation is strictly prohibited.
- 10) Immediately following the investigation, it is important all members process all data collected and have it ready to present and discuss with other group members within a week's time. Investigators will provide an "investigator's summary", within 30 days, recording their anecdotal experiences, observations, as well as their thoughts, opinions, and conclusions regarding the investigation.
- 11) Respect other team members. If you have a problem with someone, please take it up with him or her and solve the problem **outside** of an investigation.
  - a) If not comfortable with this method at least let the lead(s) know so they are aware and do what they can to mitigate the situation.
- 12) Any data and/or information (including but not limited to photos, videos, and audio) obtained on an official SSPR investigation are co-property of the individual investigator and SSPR. In the event of members leaving SSPR, all materials shall remain co-property.
- 13) Any materials former members gathered while active members of SSPR may be used by SSPR as the group sees fit. If SSPR ceases to exist as an entity, all materials will remain the property of the individual investigators.
- 14) SSPR investigators, both active and reserve, are allowed and encouraged to acquire and own personal paranormal investigation equipment. They are also asked to contribute \$5 a month to a general fund that is used with the agreement of the group to pay for website fees, group equipment, administrative costs, research materials, membership fees for national or state organizations, or any other cost generated by the operation of SSPR.
- 15) This general fund and all group equipment, property, and benefits purchased with money from the group fund belong to the SSPR group. In the event of group disbandment, all group equipment, property, and benefits purchased with money from the general fund will remain the property of ?????????. In the event of group disbandment, all personal equipment will remain the property of the individual investigators.
- 16) SSPRs' name, website, and investigation reports are owned and controlled by the lead(s). Important organizational decisions and membership issues will be resolved by the following method: Time allowing, input on such matters will be sought from all SSPR members, with a final decision being made by the lead(s). In the case of everyday organizational matters, a consensus of the membership will be used to help decide such matters whenever possible.
- 17) A serious violation of the Standards or Rules can result in a dismissal of membership from SSPR, or a temporary revocation of "active" status. A decision to dismiss or revoke active status is to be made by the lead/s after a thorough review of the situation. The following violations will result in immediate and permanent dismissal:

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- a) Founding, forming, building, or joining a paranormal investigation group in the Puget Sound, Washington area, or any group that has goals or purposes that put it in competition with SSPR in any way, or any group that threatens the best interests of SSPR.
- b) Divulging privileged or confidential information regarding the location of an investigation outside of SSPR.
- c) Knowingly falsifying any evidence or any attempt to undermine the credibility of SSPR in any way.
- d) Withholding materials gathered at an official SSPR investigation without bringing them to the group or providing them on the website.

• (Last Updated March, 2011)		
Name [print]:		
Signed:	Date:	