## NORTH CAROLINA FOSSIL CLUB

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 1. Please conduct yourselves in a manner that best represents the NCFC.
- 2. Please make a sincere effort to keep informed of all laws, regulations and rules regarding collecting on private and public lands.
- 3. Never use the name of the Club to gain access to lands, or scientific sites actively under study by paleontological professionals for personal gain or profit.
- 4. Please act responsibly and safely on all club outings so as not to bring other members or yourself into harm or danger. Parents are responsible for their children and making sure their children follow all quarry, etc. rules. Firearms are prohibited from all Club functions.
- 5. Always respect and cooperate with the field trip leader or designated authorities in collecting areas. Do not bring along anyone not signed up for the trip, or any non-member to a trip without clearing it with the field-trip leader first.
- 6. Never collect a site immediately prior to a scheduled field trip thereby preventing fair collecting opportunities for the rest of the members of the Club. "Scouting" ahead of time by the field trip leader is fine.
- 7. You are encouraged to contact the appropriate professionals upon discovery of what you consider to be scientifically significant fossils. This includes excavation, preparation, and documentation of the fossils in question. You are encouraged to consider donating such fossils to appropriate facilities.