

PSA CHAPTER  
***CODE OF CONDUCT***  
For  
**FIELD TRIPS and OUTINGS**

Photographic Society of America (PSA) Chapters are a part of the Society. Participants in Chapter trips and events shall be asked to adhere to this Code of Conduct. ***(All PSA- sponsored field trips shall be conducted with this Code of Conduct)***

**Chapter members and guests shall:**

- receive permission before going on person's property making sure that all permits for entry, campfire and filming required are obtained
- receive permission before photographing individual persons
- respect ownership rights and possible denial of image sales
- allow farm vehicles and implements the right-of-way on *farm-to-market* roads.
- be courteous; shall avoid being a nuisance and obey rules

**Regarding property shall:**

- respect private property as well as the privacy of individuals
- stay on public roads , sidewalks, hallways unless specific permission has been granted by the organizer to enter private land/ private areas
- close all gates and doors opened by participant(s)
- respect restrictions to entry if on public land.
- not interfere, tamper, disturb, alter or otherwise manipulate the natural environment, landscape, or objects within the environment in such a way that could lead to temporary or permanent defacement or destruction
- never leave trash behind

**Regarding Plants and Animals, shall:**

- walk on paths when appropriate
- not handle or damage plants
- not disturb animals
- not disturb the natural environment
- never let the photographer's presence cause any animal stress. (At a sign of stress, will pull back and not continue)
- not entice a wild animal with food in order to get a photograph

**Photographers shall:**

- share space

- not get into another's pictures
- move forward together
- respect the right of non-photographers to enjoy a scene

NB: For a Nature Division field trip activity, more detailed information must be considered <http://www.psa-photo.org/divisions/nature/code-of-practice/>

Note: Farmers, ranchers and land owners may have legitimate concerns when allowing the public on their property for several reasons (gates left open, breached fences which may allow livestock to stray, etc.). Legal liability of people entering “attractive nuisances” may cause owners to flatten old buildings. Likewise, trampled crops or noxious weed seeds innocently carried from roadside by cars and/or clothing, have caused concern.

Suggestion: A gifting of images taken by participating photographers, to hosts of property where field trips occur, should be considered a “thank you” for the generosity and should not be forgotten.