

**Gaston Gem and Mineral Club
Join/Renew Form**

Family (\$20) _____ Single (\$15) _____

Optional - Hardcopy Newsletter – see below* (Additional \$6) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone# (____) _____ *Birthday Month/Day ____/____

**Optional - If you provide a Birthday (Month/Day only) we'll publish it in the newsletter so others can wish you a Happy Birthday!*

If family membership, list children under 18 (living at home) and spouse:

Spouse _____ Birthday ____/____

Child _____ Birthday ____/____

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Please list any special interests: _____

Email address(es): _____

/we agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of membership. (See back of form, also www.amfed.org/ethics.htm)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Instructions:

Please fill out and give to Club Treasurer, Candy Glover, at the meeting, or mail to
Candy Glover, 2515 Aken Dr., Shelby, NC 28150

*An electronic copy of the club newsletter is included with your membership and emailed to every email address listed. If you would also like to have a printed copy of the newsletter please add \$6 to your membership fee to cover mailing costs.



As members of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, a large measure of the enjoyment of our hobby consists of collecting in the field. For that reason, the members are proud to endorse the following:

AFMS Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.