

AGHOST MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

I, _____ am requesting to join AGHOST, Advanced Ghost Hunters of Seattle Tacoma, (herein after referred to as the Organization). I fully understand and accept all of the following terms and conditions of membership and agree as follows:

1. I will not hold the Organization or the Organization members, guests or private property owners liable for any physical or mental injury or accident to myself while I am on or participating in any walkthrough, investigation, expedition, meeting or Organization activity.
2. I am not aware of any physical or mental impairment that would prevent my participation in Organization activities. I assume full responsibility for my own welfare and safety while participating in same.
3. I agree to respect confidentiality relative to other Organization members, private residences, property owners and any locations visited or discussed by the Organization. I will not give out information, including names, locations or details of walkthroughs or investigations to anyone outside of the Organization without express permission of the Organization President.
4. I will show respect for any site visited during an investigation or expedition, and understand that any destruction of property on a site will be grounds for loss of membership. I also understand I, and not the Organization, will be liable legally and financially for any and all damages that I may cause.
5. I will conduct all walkthroughs, investigations and expeditions in a courteous and professional manner.
6. I will wear an official AGHOST membership badge to all walkthroughs, investigations, expeditions and formal Organization events. I will also carry valid identification, i.e. a driver's license, with me at all times while on Organization events.
7. I understand and agree that during my participation in any investigations, walkthroughs, expeditions, meetings, or any other official Organization events my likeness and/or voice may be captured in photographs, videos, and audio recordings and such photographs, videos, and audio recordings may be used by the Organization for various purposes. I hereby waive my right to compensation from the Organization for the reproduction and/or distribution of the aforementioned photographs, videos, and audio recordings.
8. I accept that the on-site Team Leader is to make all decisions concerning the walkthroughs, investigations and expeditions. Failure to abide by those decisions will be grounds for termination of membership.
9. In the event that I conduct any investigations or expeditions on my own, I agree to assume full responsibility for my actions and will not involve the Organization nor present myself as acting on behalf of the Organization.
10. I understand that seeking the truth is vital to the purpose of the Organization, and in line with this, I will not falsify ANY evidence, including photos, videos, information, etc. I understand that intentionally falsifying evidence will be grounds for loss of membership.
11. Any contact with the media while on official Organization events is strictly prohibited unless permission is obtained in advance from the Organization President or Team Leader.
12. I further agree that any questions from the media, police or others that may arise on site during an actual investigation, walkthrough or expedition will be directed to the Team Leader.
13. I will not bring any non-members to an investigation, walkthrough, expedition or any other formal Organization event without the approval of the Organization President or Team Leader.
14. Pursuant with item #13 above, I accept full responsibility for the actions of any non-members that I may bring to an investigation, walkthrough, expedition or any other formal Organization event.

15. I agree to respect the dignity and rights of other Organization members, officers and Executive Council even if I am not in agreement with their ideas or opinions, and will conduct myself at all times in a mature and adult manner. Obscene, foul or abusive language in any Organization activity is unacceptable.
16. I agree that there is to be no use of alcohol, drugs or illegal substances at any walkthrough, investigation, expedition, meeting or formal Organization event.
17. I will not bring firearms or weapons to any walkthrough, investigation, expedition, meeting or formal Organization event.
18. If I choose to renew my membership, I acknowledge that annual dues are to be paid within 30 days after the expiration date of my membership. I understand that failure to pay annual dues may result in termination of my membership.
19. If I terminate my membership prior to payment renewal date, I understand that I will not receive a refund of any portion of dues previously paid.
20. If I reapply for membership in the Organization, I acknowledge that I will apply as a new member, will follow all rules for new membership and be responsible for payment of new membership fees.
21. I agree to provide the Organization with original or unaltered copies of ALL data collected during official investigations or walkthroughs, including photographs, video recordings, audio recordings, reports, written or typed notes, and any other relevant data.
22. I hereby grant the Organization unlimited rights to duplicate, distribute or publish any media, data or documents I produce or collect during official investigations, walkthroughs, expeditions and other Organization events – including, but not limited to, photographs, video recordings, audio recordings, reports, written or typed notes and any other relevant data. Furthermore, I hereby grant the Organization joint copyright to any media or data I may submit to the Organization for distribution, publishing, archiving or for use on the Organization website(s) (including written stories, newsletter submissions, articles or papers, photographs, audio/video recordings, investigation or walkthrough data, etc.).

I have read, understand and agree to abide by all of the By-Laws, policies, protocols and rules as a condition of membership in the Organization. I understand that failure to follow any of the By-Laws, protocols, policies or rules will be grounds for termination of my membership. The Organization reserves the right to terminate my membership at any time.

Print Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

For AGHOST Use Only

Date of New Member Orientation: _____

Date Dues Paid: _____

Date Membership Activated: _____

Date Membership Badge Provided: _____

NOTES: _____
