

**ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
LANDOWNER, \_\_\_\_\_, AND THE  
HILL COUNTRY ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_, owner of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ranch will allow access to that certain rural property consisting of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres located at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas (the Property) to the Hill Country Archeological Association (HCAA, a Texas Non-Profit Corporation) for the purpose of conducting archeological investigations in compliance with the HCAA code of Ethics (See attached).
2. The owner, \_\_\_\_\_, will not be liable for injury to HCAA members or persons associated with HCAA members while they are on the Property.
3. All HCAA members participating in the archeological investigation will be required to sign a release of liability. (See attached).
4. All artifacts recovered will be returned to the owner upon completion of the investigation.
5. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.
6. A report will be written and published containing the information obtained from the archeological investigation. A copy of this report will be provided to the owner.
7. HCAA will not provide information to the media about the HCAA archeological investigation conducted on the Property.
8. All excavations, if any, by the HCAA will be refilled upon completion of the investigation.
9. All trash produced by HCAA will be removed at the end of each day.
10. No camping or fires or smoking will be allowed on the Property.
11. No tree or brush may be cut or removed without permission of the owner.

12. No firearms will be allowed on the Property.

13. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the property.

14. The HCAA will notify the owner or ranch manager by email or by phone prior to entering the Property as the owner desires. The HCAA will not enter the property without acknowledgment of this notification from the owner.

15. This agreement will be in effect for one year from the date that both parties sign the agreement. If necessary, the agreement will be renegotiated at the end of this time period. The agreement may be renegotiated at the owner's discretion before the one-year period is completed.

Hill Country Archeological Association

Land Owner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

# **Code of Ethics**

## **Hill Country Archeological Association**

March 7, 2010

“HCAA members will not intentionally violate the terms and conditions of any Federal or Texas Antiquities Statutes, as same now exist, or shall hereafter be amended or enacted, or engage in the practice of buying or selling of artifacts for commercial purposes or engage in the willful destruction or distortion of archeological data or disregard of proper archeological field techniques.”