

**PALEONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTION  
PRIVACY POLICY  
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This privacy policy (“**Policy**”) describes how the Paleontological Research Institution and its related companies (“**Company**”) collect, use and share personal information of consumer users of this website, [www.priweb.org](http://www.priweb.org) (the “**Site**”). This Policy also applies to any of our other websites that post this Policy. This Policy does not apply to websites that post different statements.

## **WHAT WE COLLECT**

We get information about you in a range of ways.

**Information You Give Us.** We collect your name, mailing address, email address, phone number, birthdate, gender, credit card number, as well as other information you directly give us on our Site.

**Information We Get From Others.** We may get information about you from other sources. We may add this to information we get from this Site.

**Information Automatically Collected.** We automatically log information about you and your computer. For example, when visiting our Site, we log your computer operating system type, browser type, browser language, the website you visited before browsing to our Site, pages you viewed, how long you spent on a page, access times and information about your use of and actions on our Site.

The Site uses Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption to process online transactions. Additionally, the Paleontological Research Institution takes other industry-standard precautions to protect the Personal Information it receives, both online and offline, from unauthorized access, as do the third party service providers who work with us.

**Cookies.** We may log information using "cookies." Cookies are small data files stored on your hard drive by a website. We may use both session Cookies (which expire once you close your web browser) and persistent Cookies (which stay on your computer until you delete them) to provide you with a more personal and interactive experience on our Site. This type of information is collected to make the Site more useful to you and to tailor the experience with us to meet your special interests and needs.

## **USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

We use your personal information as follows:

- We use your personal information to operate, maintain, and improve our sites, products, and services.
- We use your personal information to respond to comments and questions and provide customer service.
- We use your personal information to send information including confirmations, invoices, updates, receipts, donation tax acknowledgements, security alerts, and support and administrative messages.

- We use your personal information to communicate about promotions, upcoming events, and other news about products and services offered by our selected partners and us.
- We use your personal information to link or combine user information with other personal information.
- We use your personal information to protect, investigate, and deter against fraudulent, unauthorized, or illegal activity.
- We use your personal information to provide and deliver products and services customers request.

## **CHILDREN’S INFORMATION**

The Museum does not knowingly collect personal information from children under 13 years of age. If personal information regarding a child is required for program participation or similar reasons, the Museum will collect this information from the child’s parent or guardian. If a child sends an email to the Museum, we will only use that address and any information provided only to respond to the particular inquiry and will not retain or use the information for any other purpose.

## **SHARING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

We may share personal information as follows:

- We may share personal information with your consent. For example, you may let us share personal information with others for their own marketing uses. Those uses will be subject to their privacy policies.
- We may share personal information for legal, protection, and safety purposes.
  - We may share information to comply with laws.
  - We may share information to respond to lawful requests and legal processes.
  - We may share information to protect the rights and property of the Paleontological Research Institution, our agents, customers, and others. This includes enforcing our agreements, policies, and terms of use.
  - We may share information in an emergency. This includes protecting the safety of our employees and agents, our customers, or any person.
- We may share information with those who need it to do work for us.

We may also share aggregated and/or anonymized data with others for their own uses.

The Paleontological Research Institution will only collect Personal Information that is voluntarily and knowingly provided, such as when you fill out a membership, donation, or order form, or if you sign up for a program or event, agree to participate in a survey, or request communications from the Museum.

The Paleontological Research Institution will use this information to respond to your specific inquiry, request, or order. Sometimes the Paleontological Research Institution uses third party vendors to perform certain services on our behalf, such as email distribution, order fulfillment, and shipping; these vendors will have access to Personal Information to the extent required to perform their functions, but will not use that information for any other purposes.

The Paleontological Research Institution may also use Personal Information you submit to the Museum in order to communicate with you about exhibitions, programs, membership,

development, surveys, special events, and other Paleontological Research Institution news that may be of interest to you and for other marketing and promotional purposes. You will always have the opportunity to decline further communications (see below for instructions on how to opt out).

## **INFORMATION CHOICES AND CHANGES**

Our marketing emails tell you how to “opt-out.” If you opt out, we may still send you non-marketing emails. Non-marketing emails include emails about your accounts and our business dealings (such as program registrations or donation transactions) with you.

You may send requests about personal information to our Contact Information below. You can request to change contact choices, opt-out of our sharing with others, and update your personal information.

You can typically remove and reject cookies from our Site with your browser settings. Many browsers are set to accept cookies until you change your settings. If you remove or reject our cookies, it could affect how our Site works for you.

**CONTACT INFORMATION.** We welcome your comments or questions about this privacy policy. You may also contact us at our address:

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**CHANGES TO THIS PRIVACY POLICY.** We may change this privacy policy. If we make any changes, we will change the Last Updated date above.