



**COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

2024 Annual Conference

October 4 thru October 6, 2024

Courtyard by Marriott, Grand Junction, Colorado

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CRAIG CHILDS**



REGISTRATION FORM

(Print this form, complete it, including the Field Trip section below if interested, and return it with your check to the address below.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Early registration on or before September 6, 2024 \$75/person \_\_\_\_\_

Registration after September 6, 2024, before October 3, 2024 \$85/person \_\_\_\_\_

Student Registration \$25/person \_\_\_\_\_

*(The above includes all day presentations, buffet dinner/reception and keynote speaker)*

Remote/Online Registration (includes all day presentations only) \$40/person \_\_\_\_\_

In-person Daytime Presentations Only (no buffet/reception) \$45/person \_\_\_\_\_

Remote/Online Keynote Presentation Only \$30/person \_\_\_\_\_

Member Keynote Presentation only \$20/person \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member Keynote Presentation Only \$25/person \_\_\_\_\_

Guest for Buffet only \$20/person \_\_\_\_\_

Taste of Mexico Beef and Chicken Taco Bar + Cash Bar

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

(Fees fund the events on Oct 4 and 5, 2024. CAS charges no fees for the Conference field trips.)

## Field Trips – Sunday, October 6

We are planning four interesting field trips on Sunday. If you are interested in attending one of the trips, please indicate your order of preference next to each field trip.

**Note: All Field Trips are available to CAS [members only](#)**

### Field Trips with Leaders:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lower Monument Canyon Trail to Independence Monument** (in The Colorado National Monument)

(12 person max. with leaders Gayle Smith and Terri Ahern)

With spectacular views of towering rock formations and sightings of desert bighorn sheep during the fall this 2.5 mile trail (5 miles roundtrip, 500 feet elevation gain/loss) follows the base of sandstone cliffs to the towering Independence Monument rock spire.

**Location:** From the west entrance of the monument, turn right onto Highway 340 (going east); after 2.1 miles (3.4 km) turn right just beyond mile **marker #5** onto a dirt road that appears to be a driveway; The address for the three-story brown and rock home is **1901 Highway 340**. Go 0.1 mile (0.2 km) to the trailhead. There is a port-a-potty at the trailhead.

**Difficulty Level:** Moderate, 3 hours minimum

\_\_\_\_\_ **Shavano Valley Rock Art site**

(20 person max. with leader Alma Evans) West of Montrose

Owned by the Archaeological Conservancy, Shavano has 37 rock art panels and a prehistoric rock shelter. It was used by Archaic and Ute people from 1000 BCE to 1900 CE.

Meet approximately 60 miles South of Grand Junction via Hwys. 50 and 550 at the Ute Indian Museum south of Montrose with docent and CAS Chipeta President Alma Evans. She will lead the trip to the site. A \$5.00 donation to the museum will be expected.

**Difficulty level:** 3/5, with scrambling over rocks.

## Self-Guided Field Trips:

### \_\_\_\_\_ **McDonald Creek Cultural Area**

This is a **self-guided** field trip on public lands administered by the BLM. At the Conference, participants will receive trip instructions and literature.

Four panels of Fremont rock art are visible along this 2 mile (one way) trail to the Colorado River along a desert stream bed. It is a relatively easy hike, but does include scrambling down rocks.

**Driving Directions;** Take Hwy 70 approx. 30 miles west of Grand Junction to Exit #2. Go left (South) over the interstate to the “Rabbit Valley” area. A high clearance vehicle is required. The road may become impassable when wet.

If time allows, north of the highway is the dinosaur “Trail through Time” with in situ bones and quarry.

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Canyon Pintado**

This is a **self-guided** field trip on public lands administered by the BLM. At the Conference, participants will receive trip instructions and literature.

This is a driving tour with multiple Fremont rock art stops and short hikes. Located 60 miles North West of Grand Junction over Douglas Pass along Hwy 139.

In Canyon Pintado, you’ll explore 8 Ute and Fremont rock art sites dating from 1200 to 1881. The panels are accessible from several short hiking trails. In 1776, fathers Dominguez and Escalante traveled through the Douglas Creek Valley and were amazed at the rock art they found and called the land “Painted Canyon” or Canyon Pintado. Some of the sites are, “Waving Hands”, “Kokopelli”, and “White Birds”. By using D Stretch on your phone, you will be able to uncover more detail.

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A short meeting of trip leaders and participants will be announced on Saturday to answer further logistical questions and finalize times and possible carpooling for Sunday’s trips. Waivers will be required.

Mail completed registration form and check (payable to CAS-GJ) to:

PO Box 4853, Grand Junction, CO 81502

Register Online at:

[www.coloradoarchaeology.org](http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org)