



Smithsonian

Affiliate Membership Program

Smithsonian Affiliate Reciprocal Program (SARP) FAQ's

What is the **SARP**?

The SARP is an additional Smithsonian Affiliate membership benefit, that offers free admission to Smithsonian Affiliate members at participating Smithsonian Affiliate organizations.

How do we know if our Smithsonian Affiliate organization offers the **SARP**?

Your organization would have to currently be offering the Smithsonian Affiliate Membership Program as a benefit to your existing membership program and be listed on the SARP list, which can be found [here](#)

How can our Smithsonian Affiliate organization participate in the **SARP**?

*If your Smithsonian Affiliate organization is currently offering the Smithsonian Affiliate Membership program as an additional benefit to your existing members. You can review, complete, and return the form to us, so that we may add your Affiliate to our next quarterly **SARP** list update.*

If your Smithsonian Affiliate organization is not currently offering the Smithsonian Affiliate Membership Program as an additional benefit to your existing members, please reach out to Natalie Wimberly at AffiliationsMembership@si.edu to learn more about the Smithsonian Affiliate Membership Program and its benefits.

Where can we find the most recent **SARP** list?

*The **SARP** participant list is updated quarterly and can be found [here](#)*

Our Smithsonian Affiliate organization only wants to offer the **SARP** as a benefit, how do we sign-up for the additional benefit?

*To participate in the **SARP**, you would have to currently be offering the Smithsonian Affiliate Membership Program as a benefit to your existing membership program as well.*

What are the **SARP** benefits?

***SARP** benefit(s) include Free admission for (2) **and/or** Member discounts for programs or in gift shops. Please contact the participating Smithsonian Affiliate organization prior to your visit for more information.*

Do I receive SARP benefits on special programs or exhibits?

*The **SARP** includes free admission and discounts in the gift stores to eligible visitors. Please contact the participating Smithsonian Affiliate organization prior to your visit for more information.*

How do I use my **SARP** benefits?

Prior to visiting a participating Smithsonian Affiliate, please ensure the following:

1. Make sure the Smithsonian Affiliate is a participating organization and is listed on the **SARP** list found [here](#)
2. Have your photo ID and Smithsonian Affiliate ***co-branded membership card** to present to Admissions staff at the participating Smithsonian Affiliate organization.

What does the Smithsonian Affiliate **co-branded membership card** look like?

Here is a sample of the **co-branded membership card**. It has 4 identifiable pieces of information.



***Please note:** The expiration date will not coincide with the expiration date of their Affiliate organizational Membership. This date is one-year from the time of Smithsonian Magazine processing.

I have a Smithsonian Affiliate Member who has not received their **co-branded membership card**.

To have the card re-issued, the Smithsonian Affiliate Member would need to contact the membership department of the Affiliate organization they joined, Smithsonian Affiliations does not issue or administer membership cards.

I have a Smithsonian Affiliate Member who doesn't have their **co-branded membership card**, should we allow admission?

Participating **SARP** organizations are not required to grant benefits to visitors who forget their cards. There is no universal database with **SARP** member data and expiration dates for admission staff to reference. The decision will be left to the participating Smithsonian Affiliate organization to allow/disallow admission.



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Our organization is not a Smithsonian Affiliate, can we participate in **SARP**?

SARP is only available to current Smithsonian Affiliate organizations. We welcome you to review how to apply and become a Smithsonian Affiliate organization on our [website](#)

I am an individual wanting to join the **SARP**, how do I sign-up?

*The **SARP** is a benefit included in your local participating Smithsonian Affiliate organizations' membership program. You must become a member of a participating Smithsonian Affiliate organization to be eligible for **SARP** benefits. Please visit our [website](#) for a list of participating **SARP** venues.*

We have a **Smithsonian Member** visiting our organization/museum and are asking for the **SARP** benefits, should they receive them?

*Participating **SARP** organizations are not required to grant benefits to visitors who cannot present a valid Smithsonian Affiliate **co-branded membership card**.*

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