

## Loma Linda University Rattlesnake Study Property Access Agreement

If you are a homeowner living in Loma Linda, California and wish to participate in the Loma Linda Rattlesnake Study please fill out this form, sign it, and mail it to:

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Earth and Biological Sciences: GH 138  
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By signing this document, and by placing x's or check marks in the appropriate boxes, I agree to the following conditions regarding access to my property:

**1.** I understand that use of the term "property" below refers only to the front or back yard of my property; that it in no way includes either the home structure itself or any other major structure, attached or unattached (e.g., garage, shed, trailer); and that the rattlesnake researcher will make every effort to respect my privacy, including an attempt to contact me prior to entering the property and avoiding looking into windows.

**2.** Should a rattlesnake study subject having an implanted radio transmitter move onto my property:

**a.** Permission is

- granted for the following individuals to enter my property, either singly or as a group of no more than three of the following individuals: Mr. Aaron Corbit (LLU graduate student); Dr. William Hayes (LLU professor of biology); Mr. Kent Beaman (research associate in Ichthyology and Herpetology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, research collaborator, and member of Mr. Corbit's graduate committee); and other graduate students in the Department of Earth and Biological Sciences (to assist with data capture, data collection, and/or safety).
- not granted to enter my property, though I wish to be told that the snake is present.
- not granted to enter my property, and I do not wish to be told about the snake.

**b.** I give permission for the above-named individuals to enter my property during the following hours:

- 8:00 am – 11:00 am       2:00 pm – 5:00 pm       At all hours  
 11:00 am – 2:00 pm       5:00 pm – 8:00 pm       Only at: \_\_\_\_\_

**c.** I give permission for the above-named individuals to enter my property

- without first contacting me.  
 if, after first attempting to contact me (by phone or knock on the door), I cannot be reached.  
 only after first contacting me (by phone or knock on the door).

d. I request that

- the snake be left where it is to move on its own cognizance.
- the snake be captured, if possible, and relocated to the nearest available natural habitat.

3. I have the following pets that the researcher can expect to encounter on my property (please list details):

<u>Type of pet</u>	<u>Relative size</u>	<u>Description of animal's disposition (is it friendly to strangers?)</u>
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4. If my home is adjacent to natural habitat (undeveloped land south of the residential area; check one box only),

I give permission for the researcher to access the natural habitat by walking across my property.

I do not give permission for the researcher to walk across my property.

5. I acknowledge that rattlesnakes are highly venomous and, therefore, dangerous animals that should only be handled by professionals. I further understand that:

a. I am not liable for any injury suffered by Loma Linda University researchers visiting my property, as they will be insured by the university.

b. I am not to hold Loma Linda University or any researcher liable should I or anyone else at my household interact with and be injured by a snake on my property.

c. Any individual associated with this study, whether affiliated with Loma Linda University or not, assumes full and complete responsibility for any personal injury or property damage if that person's actions while visiting my property for research purposes directly results in such injury or damage.

6. I am the lawful homeowner and have full power to enter into this agreement.

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_