



Information Sheet

APRA was begun by a group of people who had a collective idea of how an organization should be. It should have fair rules, consistently-met goals, and completed projects. It should be an organization that focuses not on just research alone, but on the members and the public that it serves. Out of those ideals, APRA was born.

APRA seeks the truth in the paranormal, but our focus goes beyond that; we want to help people who have a need for assistance and knowledge. We take pride in assisting and educating people with the facts that we know and find; we want to help empower them to make informed decisions and choices in their individual situations.

We work as a team of individuals with our own ideas and strengths, so we strive to work within a system of open communication, not only with each other but also with other paranormal groups. We are proud of our affiliations and friendships with other organizations, and we work with them as much as possible. Cooperation within the paranormal community is important to us; we see it as a mutually-beneficial endeavor. We get the opportunity to learn from our peers, and we're able to lend a hand to assist or guide our peers when called upon.

We strive to raise the bar in the Arkansas paranormal community, as well as challenge ourselves with worthy goals. Our services to the public and the paranormal community include more than investigating. We strongly believe in education. APRA's strides to further educate our clients and the public is a factor that sets us apart. We perform property, land, and historical research when and where we can. One service APRA doesn't provide is 'cleansings' or spiritual rituals, but we can refer a client to a reputable group who does.

Although APRA's main focus is on alleged hauntings, we are actively involved in UFO and cryptozoology cases as well.

**a diverse group of
open-minded and dedicated
paranormal researchers**

History

The founders of APRA started out as members in another paranormal group. However, due to the mismanagement of the organization, unprofessionalism, and other personal issues that occurred over a five-year span, the members left that group. Of the members who left, several joined together to form APRA. The group started out strong in early 2007. With any group, there were some growing pains along the way. APRA was forced to restructure in late 2008: new bylaws were written and a new board of directors was formed. APRA was on its way to success! Since then, APRA has launched a podcast and a second website to host it, www.onairparanormal.com. We launched a new and improved main website in 2009. APRA was officially recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 non-profit group. Most importantly, APRA has continued to successfully help clients. Watch us as we continue to grow and expand!

Facts

APRA

- had its official start in April, 2007
- was completely restructured, including a new Board of Directors, in October, 2008
- is a 501(c) 3 approved, tax-exempt organization
- began a monthly podcast in February, 2009
- launched a new website in October, 2009

Goals

- assist the public with any paranormal matter
- find and document evidence of the unknown, including
 - hauntings
 - UFOs
 - cryptozoology
- educate the public in paranormal matters using our resources and sharing our research results including:
 - our Website
 - our Blogs
 - our Podcast
 - our Newsletter
 - seminars or speaking engagements
 - investigations or personal visits
- open people's minds to explore other possibilities that may exist in our world
- provide ongoing support for clients
- collaborate evidence with other like-minded groups to find and test theories

Services

- investigations
- after-investigation support
- quick response time
- discrete services
- research
- reference letters upon request
- podcasts
- newsletters and white papers
- informative website
- speaking engagements

Board of Directors Bios

Mindy Hunter – *Group Leader/ Manager/ Webmaster* – Mindy has been investigating the paranormal for about 7 years and has had a lifelong interest in the field. She is a single mother of 2 children and 2 rescue cats. Her degrees are in Computer Information Systems from UCA in Conway, Arkansas and a Masters of Business Administration from ASU- Jonesboro. She works for a leading insurance company as an Associate SAN Analyst.

Nathan James – *Interim Technical Manager/ Cryptozoology & UFO Manager* – Nathan has had a lifetime fascination with the paranormal. He has a bachelor's degree from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Nathan works for the state of Arkansas as a Supervisor.

Amy Thompson – *Media Development Manager/ Webmaster* - Amy got interested in the paranormal by listening to her Dad's personal experiences. Amy has a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and a Masters in Professional and Technical Writing from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She is an Instructional Media Developer for a leading insurance company in downtown Little Rock.

Brooke Ballew – *Research Manager* - Brooke may not like scary movies, but she loves investigating haunted places! She is a law clerk at a large attorney's office in downtown Little Rock.

Steven Ballew – *Technical Manager* – Steven enjoys Sci-Fi and has gotten swept up in the paranormal by the interest of his wife, Brooke. He has a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Science in Aquatic Ecology from the University of Central Arkansas. He is a supervisor at a major retail store.