



# Summer Archaeology Project OVERVIEW



Thank you for your interest in our program. We are preparing to embark on our 5th summer of the Summer Archaeology Project (SAP)! We are really looking forward to a great summer, and hope you will be participating!

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## **WHAT IS THE SUMMER ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT?**

The Summer Archaeology Project began in 2015 as a collaborative effort between Santa Clara University and the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park. The University's Archaeology department had recently finished excavating the neophyte village of the Santa Clara Mission, and the thoroughness of the project resulted in 5,000 boxes of finely sifted, unsorted artifacts. While the potential for research and analysis is enormous, the information would be locked up as long as the artifacts were in their unsorted state on the shelves.

Meanwhile, the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park was interpreting daily life of Indigenous people in the mission, and was eager to include updated information. Because they also interpret the role of archeology in bringing this part of history to light, the park wished to assist in the curation efforts.

Thus was born the SAP. Each summer we transform the Santa Cruz Mission SHP into an archaeology laboratory. We train volunteers from diverse backgrounds to handle and sort artifacts. The group processes material while learning about history and archaeology, and shares the excitement and stewardship messages with visitors to the park.

## 2019 SCHEDULE

- Lab work and enrichments take place at the Santa Cruz Mission SHP, 144 School St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- The Project will run on Mondays, from 10AM until 2PM.
- The season will begin on June 24th, 2019 and end on August 26th, 2019.

### Noteworthy Dates:

Monday, June 17,	10AM- 12 PM	Returning volunteers set up day
Monday, June 24,	9:30 AM	Meet & Greet
		Application packets and registration fee due
	10 AM	Orientation and Training
Saturday, August 24	4:30 PM	District Volunteer Celebration at Henry Cowell Redwoods SP
Monday, August 26	10 AM	Graduation

## QUALIFICATIONS

No experience is necessary! We will train volunteers in lab procedures and artifact identification. This opportunity is available to folks who are interested in California history, archaeology, park stewardship, or all of the above! We spend a lot of time sorting small artifacts, so a degree of patience and focus, and an ability to sit for a period of time are helpful. Though typically open to volunteers 18 and older, we have had a few younger teenagers successfully participate.

## BENEFITS

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about archaeology and California history, gain skills and experience, and engage with a diverse group of folks who share your interests. You will receive training in archaeological laboratory procedures, artifact identification, and cultural interpretation. The program also provides mentoring, enrichment lectures and demonstrations.

As a SAP participant, you will be a California State Park Volunteer. Your annually accumulated hours count towards a district-wide pass (50 hrs/yr.) or a state-wide pass (200 hrs/yr.) You are also invited to our district Volunteer Celebration in August!

## **COMMITMENT**

This is not a drop-in activity. We invest in enrolling and training volunteers, and expect volunteers to participate in the full season. If there is a specific date that is difficult, we can look at the schedule together and see if we can work things out. We can be flexible with scheduling for returning volunteers.

We request a \$25.00 registration for participation in the program. This helps to defray the cost of materials. We don't want a volunteer to not apply because of financial burden, so if you need help, please let us know.

## **ENRICHMENTS**

In addition to sorting artifacts, a mainstay of the program has been lectures and trainings by SAP staff and visiting lecturers. Topics have ranged from local Native American history to faunal or ceramic artifact analysis to current research on post mission Native families and updates on research from local archaeological sites. The program also includes training in the art of interpretation, and we encourage participants to practice sharing the lab processes and finds with the visiting public.

We also embark on a field trip every summer, exploring a related regional site or visiting the source of the artifacts we process, and seeing the site of the excavation first hand.

## **STAFF**

### **Linda Hylkema, Director, Cultural Resources Management/Campus Archaeologist, University Operations, Santa Clara University**

Linda received a double BA in Psychology and Anthropology from San Jose State University, and her MA from California State University, Hayward. Linda has worked for the past thirty years as an archaeologist for various agencies including the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Cal-Fire (CDF), California State Parks and numerous Cultural Resources Management (CRM) firms. During her twenty year tenure at SCU, Linda's main priority has been directing the mitigation of archaeological resources on the university campus as a result of various construction projects.

### **Julie Sidel, Interpreter 1, Historic Lead Ca State Parks**

Julie has a BA in anthropology from the University of Pittsburgh where she grew up. She has been an interpreter with State and National Parks for over almost 30 years, and has been at the Santa Cruz Mission SHP for a decade. She'll be overseeing the volunteer program.

**Bella Kressman, Interpretive Park Aide, Santa Cruz Mission SHP, CA State Parks**

Bella is a UCSC student majoring in Anthropology and Environmental Studies, she will graduate from UCSC in June of 2019. Bella completed the UCSC Archaeology Field School at the Castro Adobe in the spring of 2017 and has worked at the Santa Cruz Mission SHP since the fall of 2017. She will be the point person for volunteer contact and handling day to day operations for the SAP this summer.

**Corri MacEwen, Archaeology Collections Manager, University Operations, Santa Clara University**

Corri has a BA in Archaeology from Simon Fraser University (Canada) and an MA in Anthropology with minors in Museum Science, Biology, and Geography from Texas Tech University. Corri has been an archaeologist for over 20 years with field experience in Canada, the South Pacific, Argentina, and the United States (Washington, Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma) and specializes in the analysis of animal bone. Her archaeology collections management work includes the Museum of Texas Tech University, the Museum of Anthropology (Vancouver, Canada), the Phoebe Hearst Museum at UC Berkeley, and Santa Clara University.

**NEXT STEPS**

You can check more details, or join our interest list on the website at [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=548](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=548)

You can request a volunteer packet by emailing [Isabella.Kressman@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Isabella.Kressman@parks.ca.gov)