

Boise State University

College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs

Department of Anthropology offers ANTH 490-001: Archaeology Field School

Summer 2010 ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN SOUTHWESTERN IDAHO



The Program

The Department of Anthropology at Boise State University is scheduled to conduct its 2010 Archaeological Field School at prehistoric sites in southwestern Idaho between May 17 and June 25, 2010. The field school provides basic training in methods and techniques of archaeological excavation, survey, and data analysis. A laboratory is scheduled to operate concurrently with the excavation. In addition, informal discussions and lectures will focus on methods of data recovery, analysis of field data and the analytical basis for explaining archaeological data within cultural-historical and scientific frameworks. Lecture topics include essentials of research strategy and current methodological and theoretical issues. Emphasis will be placed upon economic and organizational variability of the record. Field trips to visit regional archaeological sites will enhance the student's appreciation of the diversity of prehistoric and historic occupations of the Western Snake River Plain.

Schedule and Accommodations

The archaeology course meets four days a week for six weeks. The class meets in the field Monday through Thursday, returning on Thursday. Transportation is provided to and from the field site. Fieldwork sessions are normally eight hours each day. A tent camp will be located on the site with a field kitchen providing three meals each day. Field and kitchen equipment and supplies are provided. Students are required to provide their personal gear including sleeping bags and a tent.

Students Will Gain Experience In:

- Research design and sampling methods
- Field excavation and recording methods
- Mapping and profiling methods
- Dry screening and flotation techniques
- Archaeological survey and recording methods
- Laboratory processing and cataloging methods
- Principles of descriptive analysis
- Use of computers in cataloging and data analysis

Enrollment and Fees

Enrollment is open to undergraduate and graduate students. At least one course in anthropology or archaeology is preferred. The field school restricts enrollment to 10 persons to ensure a quality experience for each student. Since enrollment is limited, students are encouraged to apply early. Non-BSU students must apply to Boise State University as a non-degree seeking student prior to enrollment.

The deadline for applications is Friday, April 16, 2010. Students will be notified 1-2 days after the deadline of their acceptance into the field school. **Do not register for the class prior to notification of acceptance.**

An additional \$500.00 field school room and board fee is payable to the BSU Archaeology Field School and is also paid through BroncoWeb. Both course and the room and board fees must be paid through BroncoWeb by May 1, 2010.

Applications and Inquiries

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