



Saskatchewan Archaeological Society

June is Archaeology Month!

What is Archaeology Month?

Honourable Bill Hutchinson, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, has declared June as "Archaeology Month" in Saskatchewan. The SAS and its nine regional Chapters and partnering organizations, are offering a variety of events to educate people about our province's exciting past. Archaeology Month in Saskatchewan has been in existence since 2003!

This spring and summer, we will be highlighting our province's 12,000 year-old human history in order to foster greater awareness about and protection of our remaining archaeological sites, artefacts, and landscapes. Take time this year to experience the wonderful heritage resources we have inherited from the cultures of the past and the interpretive centres bringing them to light.

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SCHEDULE OF 2011 EVENTS

All activities and events listed in this brochure are open to the public, as noted. For information, phone the local contact person listed, or the SAS office in Saskatoon. Not all of the events listed occur in June but they are still great opportunities for you to take part in this summer!

NOTE: NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES!

Northwest Chapter: Borden Trip - May 14th

We will record a rock surface feature that we visited last year. In conjunction with the Borden museum, we will truck pool to the site overlooking a ravine near the South Sask. River. We will depart from the North Battleford Coop parking lot (facing Sobeys) at 9:00 am. Bring water and a lunch. There will be minimal walking required.

Presentation and AGM - May 19th

Dr. Treena Swanston from the U of S will give a presentation on the Canadian "Ice Man" **Kwäday Dän Ts'ınchi**, a man found by three hunters in 1999 on the traditional land of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, located in northern British Columbia. The name translates to "long ago person found". The body was very well preserved, as it was frozen in a glacier. The man was determined to be around 19 years old when he died. Carbon dating found he lived sometime between 1670 and 1850.

This will be a joint supper meeting with the Kiwanis Club. Supper will be at 7:00 pm and the presentation and our typically brief AGM will follow. It will be held in the conference room at Venice House restaurant.

Alticane trip - June 18th

We will visit and examine the numerous surface features east of North Battleford. We will depart from the North Battleford Coop parking lot at 10:00am. There will be some walking on this trip. Bring lunch and water and a desire to explore.

Regina Chapter: RAS/SAS BBQ - June 18th

Meet at 1:00 pm at Trusty's in Moose Jaw. We will visit the Garrett and Davies sites, guided by Gil Watson and Kit Krozser, excavators of these two sites. We will also visit the Moose Jaw museum which houses a wonderful Sioux bead display.

The Trusty's will provide the meat for the BBQ and members of the RAS will bring potluck dishes. Those from afar, just come and enjoy.

Anyone wishing to come to the BBQ please contact the SAS office at 664-4124 by June 15th.

Saskatoon and Eagle Creek Chapters: Field Trip - May 29th or June 5th

We will depart from the University of Saskatchewan Department of Archaeology and Anthropology parking lot at 9:30 am. We will enjoy a tour of the Bents area courtesy of the Saskatoon Chapter and Eagle Creek Historical Society.

Tour agenda is weather dependent. Tentative schedule includes: the abandoned townsite of Bents, the 1930s hall at Feudal, Dave Miller's farm, pre-contact sites in the Red Deer Hills, the Perdue winery and an optional dinner at the reopened Perdue Golf Club. The back up date is Sunday June 5. Questions, call Laura Foley at 652-0735 or email lcm.foley@sasktel.net.

SAS Hosted Events:

ArchaeoCaravan - June 4th

The new ArchaeoCaravan will be set up at the Allan Community Museum in Allan, SK during the town's Family Day in the Park. The SAS Education Committee will host activities from the ArchaeoCaravan from 12 – 3 pm.

Evening Public Talks and Workshops

June 16th and June 22nd

The SAS is pleased to host two Evening Public Talks in June. Refreshments and SAS merchandise will be available.

The Saskatoon event will be held in the theatre in the Frances Morrison Public Library on Thursday June 16 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

The Regina event will be held at George Bothwell Public Library Branch on Wednesday June 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

The topic at both locations will be, "What is Archaeology?" and "Artefact Identification". Bring your unknown or unusual artefacts to be examined by an archaeologist or geologist.

Volunteer at South Branch House School Dig – May 27th to June 24th

Event: The SAS has invited several local school groups to excavate at the fur trade site. Anyone interested in volunteering to supervise (screens and units) is welcome. We can arrange carpools and meeting locations with you.

Location: South Branch House fur trade post near St. Louis, SK.

Date: Weekdays from Friday, May 27th to Friday, June 24th.

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Contact: 664-4124 or saskarchsoc@sasktel.net for details.

South Branch House Public Dig – July 7th through July 10th

The SAS hosts a field school at South Branch House, a fur trade post which dates from 1786-1794 (plus a tour of local cultural centres, festivities, and other learning opportunities). One-day option is available.

Location: Meet at the Archaeology Centre (#1-1730 Quebec Ave., Saskatoon).

Time: Leave the Centre at 8:30 am sharp and drive to the site (near Batoche). For those interested, we will be camping (for free) near the site. Others may choose to drive daily.

Contact: saskarchsoc@sasktel.net or 664-4124 for details and costs.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park Public Dig – July 14th through July 17th

The SAS hosts a field school at the Wolf Willow site (plus tour of the park and other unique learning opportunities). One-day option is available.

Location: Meet in the main lobby of Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

Time: Assemble at 9:00 am and excavate until approximately 4:00 pm daily. Evening tours and presentations to follow.

Contact: saskarchsoc@sasktel.net or 664-4124 for details and costs.

Hudson Bay Public Excavation June 6th - 10th

From June 6-10, join Stantec Consulting and the SAS for a public excavation at a pre-contact site just south of the Town of Hudson Bay. There is limited space available, so please contact the SAS for further information and to register.

If you are not able to participate in the dig at Hudson Bay, you can still be a part of this project! Volunteers are needed to help wash and catalogue artefacts in the week(s) following the excavation. Volunteers will work

in the Archaeology Lab at the Stantec office in Saskatoon. Contact the SAS if you want to take part in this opportunity.

Cabri Lake Area Survey Two Weeks in June (dates TBA)

Volunteers are welcome for site survey and recording in the Cabri Lake area (southwest of Eatonia) in June. This two-week long project will be conducted by University of Saskatchewan archaeologists Dr. Chris Foley and Dr. Margaret Kennedy. Watch for upcoming news in our May newsletter and on our website.

Contact: SAS office or Drs. Chris Foley – 966-4187 or Margaret Kennedy – 966-4182. There is no cost associated with this field project, however you must register in advance to arrange meeting times and sufficient equipment.

Original Humboldt Telegraph Station/Fort Denison Excavation

June through summer

The Humboldt and District Museum and Gallery will be participating in further investigation of the Original Humboldt Telegraph Station and Fort Denison starting in June. You can assist them with this excavation project by contacting Jennifer Hoesgen at the Museum (306) 682-5226 for more information.

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