

June is Archaeology Month!

What is Archaeology Month?

Honourable Dustin Duncan, 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 2010 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!

Borden Field Trip – June 6th

Event: To examine some unrecorded surface features and a collection from the Borden area.

Presented by: Northwest Archaeological Society (NWS)

Location: Group will meet at the north end of the Battlefords Co-op parking lot. Remember to bring lunch, water, sunscreen, and walking shoes.

Date: Sunday, June 6th.

Time: Departure at 11:00 am from the north end of the Co-op parking lot.

Contact: Robert Clipperton 446-0261 (rclip@sasktel.net) or Jeff Baldwin 445-2549 (balwas@sasktel.net)

Wanuskewin Palaeoenvironmental Coring Project

Event: The U of S will be taking a series of core samples from some known sites in the Wanuskewin Heritage Park in order to reconstruct its past environment(s).

Presented by: Saskatoon Archaeological Society and University of Saskatchewan.

Location: Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

Date: Monday, June 7th to Friday, June 11th.

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Contact: Elizabeth Robertson 966-4177 (ecr903@mail.usask.ca). Visitors will be required to pay for the standard Wanuskewin entry fee but there is no additional cost to visit the coring project. Contact Dr. Robertson to learn about potential volunteering opportunities.

Southwest Saskatchewan Archaeology Tour - June 11th, 12th, and 13th

Events: June 11 – evening tour:

View Swift Current Creek petroglyph, Swift Current Museum archaeological collections and socialize around a campfire.

June 12 - full day:

Visit Gull Lake Buffalo Jump site, 76 Ranch (Crane Lake) site, Fort Walsh and Farwell's Trading Post, Maple Creek museums and evening around the campfire

June 13 – morning:

View sites near Swift Current: tipi rings, Gray burial site, Sykes site, Battrum cairns

No fees to participate! Please call ahead to register - 778-4811 (Swift Current Museum). **Can't make it to all three days? No problem. You are welcome to participate for one or all of the events.** Green Hectares B & B is recommended for accommodations www.greenhectares.ca

Volunteer at South Branch House School Dig – May 27th to June 18th

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) on any of

these days is welcome. We can arrange carpools and meeting locations with you.

Presented by: Saskatchewan Archaeological Society (SAS)

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

Date: Weekdays from Thursday, May 27th to Friday, June 18th.

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Contact: SAS office – 664-4124

(saskarchsoc@sasktel.net) for details.

Commemoration of Original Humboldt Land and the 1885 Resistance – June 18th

Event: Stories of the Original Humboldt land and the 1885 events will be presented followed by a tour. In the evening, see the play "Trial of Louis Riel" written by John Coulter.

Presented by: Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery.

Location: Bella Vista Inn, Highway 5 West, Humboldt.

Date: Friday, June 18th

Time: 1:30 pm. Evening play begins at 8:00 pm.

Contact: Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery – 682-5226

Cut Knife Tour & Survey - June 19th

Event: To survey and record tipi rings, a well and a sod hut near Cut Knife.

Presented by: NWS.

Location: Group will meet at the north end of the Battlefords Co-op parking lot. Remember to bring lunch, water, a hat, sunscreen, and walking shoes.

Date: Saturday, June 19th

Time: 9:00 am into the afternoon.

Contact: Jeff Baldwin 445-2549

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Chamberlain Survey – June 26th

Event: Local Chamberlain farmer/rancher has an interesting collection as well as stone circles and possible rock alignments that he would like your assistance in mapping and recording.

Presented by: Regina Archaeological Society.

Location: Chamberlain.

Date: Saturday, June 26th.

Time: Contact Alice to make arrangements.

Contact: Alice Trusty at 692-4264

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South Branch House Public Dig – July 8th through July 11th

Event: SAS 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.

Presented by: SAS

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

Date: Thursday, July 8th to Sunday, July 11th

Time: Leave the Centre at 8:30 am sharp and will 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: SAS (saskarchsoc@sasktel.net)

- 664-4124 for details and costs.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park Public Dig – July 15th through July 18th

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

Presented by: SAS

Location: Meet in the main lobby of Wanuskewin Heritage Park

Date: Thursday, July 15th to Sunday, July 18th.

Time: Assemble at 9:00 am and excavate until approximately 4:00 pm daily.

Evening tours and presentations to follow.

Contact: SAS (saskarchsoc@sasktel.net)

- 664-4124 for details and costs.

Cabri Lake Archaeological Survey – July 19th – 23rd, 26th – 30th

Event: A pedestrian and aerial survey of the Cabri Lake region to identify and record features. You will receive instruction on surveying, recording, mapping, GPS, total station equipment, etc.

Presented by: University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Archaeological Society

Location: Cabri Lake region near Eatonia.

Date: July 19th to 23rd and July 26th to 30th.

Time: all day, volunteers are welcome on any day for as long as they are able to stay.

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.

Doukhobor Dugout House National Historic Site – July 24th

Event: Tour of the Doukhobor Dugout House National Historic Site near Blaine Lake, plus visiting the largest tree in Saskatchewan.

Presented by: Regina Archaeological Society.

Location: Blaine Lake area. Contact Alice to make arrangements on transportation.

Date: Saturday, July 24th.

Time: Contact Alice to make arrangements.

Contact: Alice Trusty at 692-4264

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Farwell's Trading Post Public Dig – August 8th – 21st

Event: Join Parks Canada and the SAS in excavating Farwell's trading post – an 1872 post in the Cypress Hills.

Presented by: SAS and Parks Canada

Location: Farwell's Trading Post in the Cypress Hills Massacre site at Fort Walsh.

Date: August 8th – 11th, 13th – 16th, and/or 18th – 21st

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm followed by evening entertainment and programming.

Contact: SAS. A small registration fee will apply. Tent camping and park entry is included in the registration cost. We are requesting that you register for a full four-day session since registration is limited to 12 people per session.

Tour to Fort Walsh – August 6th – 8th

Event: Visit Fort Walsh in the Cypress Hills. Parks Canada and the SAS are coordinating an excavation field school at Farwell's trading post in August. The group will visit the Fort and also take in the preliminary introduction to the Farwell post and the dig. For those interested in continuing with the dig please register with the SAS. Accommodations can be made at a B&B or in the campground. We will have a BBQ in the evening.

Presented by: Regina Archaeological

Society.

Location: The group will be leaving from Regina but will make arrangements to meet with those coming from different locations.

Date: August 6th to 8th. Other arrangements made if you choose to participate in the field school.

Time: Contact Alice.

Contact: Alice Trusty - 692-4264

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Who Are Our Chapters?

- Archaeological and Historical Society of West Central Saskatchewan: Ted Douglas of Eatonia – 967-2266
- Cypress Hills Archaeological Society: Margaret Howell of Maple Creek – 662-3925
- Eagle Creek Historical Society: David Miller of Perdue – 237-9161
- Northwest Archaeological Society: Greg Nosterud of Moosomin – 435-2985
- Regina Archaeological Society: Jack Trusty of Moose Jaw – 692-4264
 - Saskatchewan Association of Professional Archaeologists: Patrick Young of Saskatoon
- Saskatoon Archaeological Society: Tam Huynh of Martensville
 - South West Saskatchewan Archaeological Society: Jim Worrell of Swift Current – 773-5914

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