

## **Mt. Trumbull Archaeological Field Work (excavation) 2018**

**Date: June 6<sup>th</sup> (Wed) – July 11<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 2018**

I will conduct an archaeological field work trip to Mt. Trumbull this summer. This summer, we are conducting archaeological excavations, which is the first structure excavation in this area! This work trip does not provide academic credits, however, it is considered equivalent as a field school, since I will teach basic archaeological field work skills including excavation, field survey, mapping, recording and artifact analyses.

To apply for the 2018 Mt. Trumbull field work trip, please provide the information requested on the application form. Please return your application form to Sachiko Sakai (sachikosak@gmail.com) as soon as possible. You can send me your application via e-mail but please make sure that you will hear from me for the confirmation. Once I have more applications than I can take, I may close the application receiving at the point, or select the students based on your application. The applicants who are going to register in ANTH405 (Principles of Archaeology) in Fall 2018 will be given priority. Acceptance decisions will be made by April 20, and students will be notified soon thereafter.

Once students are accepted into the field work trip, they will be sent the information how to pay the cost. Accepted students will also be required to submit a liability release form and a medical disclosure form. We will have a meeting before the trip.

### **Cost: \$700\***

Food/lodging/transportation: We will cover all cost for five weeks. We will drive from CSULB to Mt. Trumbull. Bring your sleeping bag.

*\*Estimated cost is as of March 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost could be less (NO more than \$700). I will let you know the exact cost upon the acceptance. Please ask me for the detail.*

The sites we are going to work this summer are in the Mt. Trumbull area, Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument. This area is located at the western edge of the Colorado Plateau. The culture we investigate in this area is so-called the Virgin Branch Ancestral Pueblo (AD.100 and 1350). You will see lots of ceramics, lithics, and features (base of the pueblo structures, ground stones, so on). Unlike the heartland of the Ancestral Pueblo (e.g., Chaco Canyon, Mesa Verde), Mt. Trumbull is one of the least studied areas archaeologically in the American Southwest. The archaeological survey taken place during 70s revealed at least 300 archaeological sites within 10 km square area. We have been conducting systematic archaeological surveys in this area more than 10 years which ended up finding much more than 300 sites in addition.

Activities involved in this field work trip:

- Archaeological excavation
- Profile drawing
- Pedestrian survey
- GPS
- Mapping and recording archaeological sites
- Filling the site report
- Identification of artifacts
- Artifact analysis
- Artifact cataloguing
- Profile drawing

I will have some lectures about archaeology in Arizona Strip (north side of the Grand Canyon), artifact analysis, archaeological survey, and ethics in archaeology. Although this is not a formal field school and

you will not get credits, I will design this work trip to provide some field training to the students with no prior archaeological experience, as well as the students with some experience. So, you can use this work experience as a part of the requirements which you need to apply for CRM jobs. In fact, there are many students who got CRM jobs and accepted to graduate schools using this field experience in the past.

Living condition:

We will be staying in a very remote area, 70-miles driving from St. George, Utah (2.5-hour driving) on the dirt road and about 10-12 hours from Long Beach. The Mt. Trumbull area is located on the elevation around 7000 feet above sea level. It is a high desert area with lots of trees (juniper, pinon, ponderosa pine). Hardly any tourists visit this area (you see more non-human creatures), although this is a part of Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument which is open to the public. So, if you love outdoor, forests, green....you will love Mt. Trumbull. I can guarantee this.

Yes, we will be at the middle of nowhere. But we are able to stay in BLM research lodge with modern facilities (water, electricity). The lodge is fed by natural spring, and solar power. We can take warm shower (very quick) almost every day. We have a nice huge kitchen with full facilities. We have three bed rooms upstairs but you need to bring your sleeping bag.

Since we are so remote, we will **NOT** have cell phone reception at all, **no land phone, no internet, no TV!** (you will not be bored at all in anyway. We have camp fire facility, beautiful night sky with Milky Ways, and you can bring games, books, so on). Even though we cannot use our cell phone, I will carry the satellite phone in case for the emergency. We have a close connection to BLM dispatcher, so if someone gets hurt, we can call them for the help (although it never happened last 10 years). I will also give you the BLM dispatcher phone number (435-688-3360), so that your family can contact us in case of emergency (only for emergency, please!).

We will cook for ourselves. I ask all students to bring their \*best\* recipe. If you are not a good cook, do not worry. I will help you or just let me know. We will have packed lunch to take to the field. We will go to St. George, Utah once a week for shopping and laundry (where you can use your cell phone).

This is very dry high desert, so it is really hot during daytime. It can be up to 90 degree (F) but very cool in the morning, as low as 40s. I am planning to start working very early in the morning, and gets back to the lodge before getting too hot. Leaving lodge around 7am (we use Utah time, one hour earlier than ours, although Mt. Trumbull is in AZ) and coming back around 3 pm or so. We will have some lab works or lectures after we get back to the lodge. Drinking lots of water is highly recommended.

We will have five days of work and two days off. One of these two days, we will go to town for shopping and laundry so on, and we will also have a small field trip on one of off-days. Usually, we will go to Tuweep area in Grand Canyon National Park, just 20 miles from Mt. Trumbull for one day.

The trip schedule is leaving very early on June 6<sup>th</sup> (around 5 am) and we will drive vehicles to Mt. Trumbull, which takes around 10-12 hours. We are coming back on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Please allow another day, in case we have a severe storm on the way back home (the road gets really muddy in storm sometimes....).

If you have any question, please let me know.

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