Arizona Archaeology Society Field Schools

Alumni Field Sessions

Instructor: Peter J. Pilles, Jr., Walter Gosart, Tom Woodall

Alumni are invited to join the staff for a work week to complete documentation and interpretation of trenches that have been completed, but require final confirmation. This will involve review, corrections, and updates to previous excavation notes, photographs, plan drawings, and profiles, as well as verifying correlations within the overall site stratigraphic sequence. Registration is required and a small fee will be charged to cover site expenses. This session is limited to Elden Alumni or persons with equivalent field experience. Members who are looking to complete Crew Member II certification (week two) may also attend.

Program fee: $50/week.

Laboratory Techniques

Instructor: Peter J. Pilles, Jr.

A one-week session of Lab work. This class deals with the methods and materials used in processing, preserving, cataloging, and storing of artifacts. It includes classifying artifacts with particular attention paid to ceramics and lithics. Course held at the Elden Pueblo Heritage site.

Program fee: $100/week.

Ruins Stabilization Course

Instructors: Walter Gosart, Tom Woodall

Ruins Stabilization will consist of both lecture and field work. The course provides the basic academic and field skill to allow participation in AAS stabilization projects and assist the professional community, as may be requested. The course will briefly cover excavation methods when needed specifically for stabilization purposes. It covers the principles and purpose of stabilization, the difference between “stabilization” and “reconstruction”, and the various tools and techniques used. Also, the importance of mapping, photography and documentation during the stabilization or reconstruction process will be discussed. Field trips to observe stabilization efforts at nearby sites may be scheduled.

Program Fee: $150 per week/5 day class.

Survey Techniques Course

Instructor: Don Keller

Surveying is the process of initial discovery, evaluation, determination of the location, and preliminary mapping of an archaeological site. Accordingly, this course involves ways in which different types of surveys are organized (including how to recognize a site, use a map and compass, and evaluate a site), and basic mapping. Participants will work on locating sites recorded on the Coconino National Forest many years ago; pre-GPS technology. They will locate, update site datum and verify site records in an intensive week of field work and lecture.

Program fee: $150 for one week/5 day class.

AAS Course Registration: Download forms on the Elden Pueblo website, AAS website or in AAS publication, The Petroglyph
These activities are open to all AAS members.

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Assistant in site assessment on the Coconino Forest. Selected sites in the Historic Register District of Winona-Ridge Ruin will be visited for conditional assessment. Sign-up sheets at NAAS monthly meetings.

Meet at 9 am, McDonald’s/Safeway parking lot on Hwy 89. Return at 1:00-1:30 pm.

Please notify trip leader, Lisa Deem at (928)527-3452 or (928) 522-0776, if you plan to attend.

There is no fee for this activity.

Elden Pueblo is located two miles north of the Flagstaff Mall on the west side of Highway 89 at Townsend-Winona Road