Old Pueblo Archaeology Center Presents:

“White Tank Mountains – Petroglyphs of Waterfall Canyon & Mesquite Canyon”
guided archaeological site tour

Saturday December 4, 2010, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Phoenix Area

Shelley Rasmussen, a Maricopa County Parks Interpretive Ranger who is also an Arizona archaeological site steward, and Registered Professional Archaeologist Allen Dart guide this fundraising tour to visit ancient petroglyphs in Maricopa County’s 30,000-acre White Tank Mountain Regional Park. Ancient peoples were drawn to the White Tank Mountains’ natural water “tanks” (tinajas) scoured out of the bedrock by floodwaters west of Phoenix. They left behind hundreds of petroglyphs pecked into these mountain rock faces. The figures and symbols have withstood sun, rain, and vandals for 700 years and more, and some may approach 10,000 years old. The largest group of rock art panels is along the Waterfall Canyon Trail at “Petroglyph Plaza,” and another big group is near the entrance to the box canyon that gives the trail its name.

In the morning we’ll spend about 3 hours along the fairly flat Black Rock Loop Trail, a 2.5-mile-roundtrip, to see and photograph dozens of Archaic and Hohokam petroglyphs. After lunch at park ramadas with picnic facilities, we’ll spend another 3 hours hiking, bush-whacking, and boulder-hopping to visit three more petroglyph sites with Archaic and Hohokam rock art along the 2.5-mile-roundtrip Mesquite Canyon Trail.

Participants will provide their own transportation and are encouraged to car-pool. Vehicles can be parked in the park at no extra charge. The tour will begin at 10 a.m. in White Tank Mountain Regional Park (meeting place and directions provided upon registration), and is anticipated to end around 4:30 p.m. but may run later depending on how fast people can walk at the various stops and the possibility of unforeseen delays. Driving time one-way from Tucson to the park is about 2.5 hours. Wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring your own picnic lunch and water.

Fee $30 (Old Pueblo Archaeology Center & Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary members $24)
Includes entry fees to White Tank Mountain Regional Park
Participants provide their own transportation and are encouraged to carpool.
Tour fee includes a donation to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

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or send email inquiry to info@oldpueblo.org
IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION

COST AND PAYMENT POLICY: Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Full payment is due upon billing. Tour cost includes a tax-deductible contribution to Old Pueblo in an amount to be determined based on tour expenses compared to revenues after all expenses have been paid. Entrance fee savings from passes, permits, memberships, etc. will become part of the donation to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center. We welcome singles and couples.

CANCELLATIONS made 30 days or more before departure will not be charged. Cancellations 8 to 30 days before departure will be refundable at 50% of the fee paid unless the cancelled space can be filled. Cancellations 0 to 7 days prior to departure date are not refundable. All cancellation notices must be received in writing or via email and will become effective as of the date received. Cancellations after the final payment date of a program will result in forfeiture of all money paid. Failure to pay the fee by the date due can result in your reservation being cancelled. No refund will be made for leaving a program in progress. Trip insurance is highly recommended. Old Pueblo reserves the right to cancel programs while in progress and to take action as needed on an individual or group basis, when in Old Pueblo’s sole opinion the health, safety, or well-being of participants requires such action. The tour itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, but participants will be notified of significant changes in advance if the change is under the control of Old Pueblo.

TRANSPORTATION: Participants are required to provide their own transportation for the tour and are encouraged to carpool.

MEALS: NO MEALS are included in the tour fee. Registrants need to bring their own lunches, water, and snacks.

DEPARTURE AND RETURN TIMES: The tour will begin in White Tank Mountain Regional Park (meeting place and directions provided upon registration), at 10 a.m. and is anticipated to end around 4:30 in the park but may run later depending on how fast people can walk at the various stops and the possibility of unforeseen delays. Driving time one-way from Tucson to the park is about 2.5 hours.

ACCESSIBILITY: Many of the petroglyphs are visible from the park’s trails but some off-trail hiking is required to see others. Total walking/hiking distance is about five miles roundtrip. Participants can walk/hike as much or as little as they wish.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: You must be in good physical and mental health to do this tour. We are concerned about your health and safety, and our tour leaders have first-aid and CPR training, but medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during all or part of the tour. You are responsible for selecting events appropriate to your abilities and limitations. If you have any doubts about your ability to participate, please contact us prior to registering. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported when the reservation is made, and a follow-up explanatory letter may be required.

PARTICIPANTS MUST ABIDE by all federal and state regulations pertaining to visitation to historic sites, antiquities, and artifact sites. Please do not collect artifacts or create or contribute to artifact piles or displays. Please read about protected-site etiquette at www.ci.phoenix.az.us/PUEBLO/cietiquette.html.

MEMBERSHIP: Becoming a member of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center opens a world of new discoveries. Trip fee for nonmembers of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center will include a 1-year “Friend” membership, which provides a subscription to the Old Pueblo Archaeology electronic bulletin and a 20% discount on our publications and some of our trip and course fees. Contact Old Pueblo at info@oldpueblo.org or visit our web site www.oldpueblo.org for membership details.