



FREE GUIDED TOUR OF THE SABINO CANYON RUIN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center will offer a guided tour of the Sabino Canyon Ruin, one of Tucson's largest ancient Hohokam Indian villages, at 9 A.M. on Saturday, June 24, 1995. The tour is limited to 32 people, so persons wishing to participate *must make advance reservations at 798-1201 and must pick up tour tickets at least 24 hours in advance* from Old Pueblo Archaeology's office at 1000 E. Fort Lowell Rd. It is advisable to call before picking up tickets to make sure the office is open. The tour is free but a donation of \$2.00 per person is suggested.

Because the Sabino Canyon Ruin is on private property in an environmentally sensitive desert area, directions to the tour site will be provided only to persons who obtain tickets and sign a waiver of liability in advance.

Participants must provide their own transportation to the tour site, are expected to bring a hat, sunscreen, and drinking water, and should wear long pants and hiking boots to afford some protection against cactus and rattlesnake bites.

The tour will be guided by Allen Dart, professional archaeologist and Executive Director of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center.

The Sabino Canyon Ruin was inhabited by the Hohokam Indians between A.D. 1100 and 1300 and possibly earlier. Its ancient architectural features include large adobe- and rock-walled housing compounds, and it contains many pottery shards and other artifacts made from stone, bone, and sea shells. A two-year research program recently begun at the ruin by Old Pueblo Archaeology Center is providing opportunities for members of the public to participate in the archaeological excavations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OFFICE WORK AND DISTRIBUTING BROCHURES

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center is in need of volunteers to help with phone-answering, word processing, computer data entry, and maintenance of Old Pueblo's office property on Fort Lowell Road. We also are seeking people to help us clean and organize the archaeology laboratory/classroom that the Fenster School of Southern Arizona has made available to us for the Sabino Canyon Ruin archaeology program.

We could also use some help distributing information about our archaeology programs to museums, resorts, and other places that have brochure racks.

If you can offer some of your time for these tasks please call Al Dart at 798-1201.



Jessica Evans (left) and Barbara Carlson helped excavate one of the Sabino Canyon Ruin's adobe walls during April field school.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOLS OFFERED AT SABINO CANYON RUIN

Both children and adults can enroll in Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's archaeological field schools at the Sabino Canyon Ruin to learn how ancient sites are excavated and studied by archaeologists. Old Pueblo's research and education program at the ruin is operated in agreement with the Fenster School of Southern Arizona, which owns the property where most of this large site is located.

Participants who complete *three-day and five-day field school sessions* become eligible to participate as volunteers (without charge) in Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's other archaeological projects. Page 2 describes other projects Old Pueblo has used volunteers on since 1994.

The *five-day summer excavation sessions* are for kids age 8 to 18. These sessions provide first-hand experience in excavating ancient sites, processing artifacts, and interpreting the prehistoric Hohokam Indian culture under the guidance of a professional archaeologist. Besides archaeological excavation, participants gain experience in surface survey, drawing and mapping of archaeological features, proper procedures for archaeological note-taking and record-keeping, cataloguing and processing of artifacts and other archaeological

specimens, and use of the metric system of measurement -- not to mention the thrill of discovering ancient relics! The session emphasizes the critical thinking necessary for scientifically based archaeological interpretations.

The *three-day excavation sessions*, which are open to adults and children, offer a basic introduction to Southwestern archaeology and the Sabino Canyon Ruin. Each 3-day session includes approximately 18 hours of archaeological excavation time (including daily orientation and equipment check-out/check-in), plus an afternoon of getting artifacts ready for post-field study and museum curation.

One-day mini-excavation sessions are designed simply to give participants a "taste of the dirt," to see how enjoyable it is to dig with professional archaeologists. Each one-day session includes approximately 1 hour in a preliminary tour of the Sabino Canyon Ruin, 4 to 5 hours of actual excavation time, and 2 to 3 hours in the archaeological laboratory.

The following field school sessions are scheduled for the coming months (others will be offered in the fall and winter):

<i>5-day session</i>	<i>3-day session</i>	<i>1-day session</i>
\$239/person	\$189/person	\$69/person
June 12-16	July 5-7 (Wed.-Fri.)	June 24 (Sat.)
June 19-23	July 28-30 (Fri.-Sun.)	July 3 (Mon.)
June 26-30		July 5 (Wed.)
July 3 & 5-8		July 8 (Sat.)
July 10-14		

Daily hours for all summer sessions are 7:00 - 3:30. Participants must provide their own transportation to and from the dig site but Old Pueblo furnishes all excavation tools and provides lunches during 3-day and 1-day sessions. Lunches are not provided in the 5-day summer sessions.

For reservations call Old Pueblo Archaeology Center (798-1201) at least 5 days before the session starts.

RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY OLD PUEBLO ARCHAEOLOGY

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center provides opportunities for volunteers to participate in its archaeological fieldwork and laboratory studies whenever possible.

In addition to participating in the organization's excavations at the Sabino Canyon Ruin, avocational archaeology volunteers have assisted in several of Old Pueblo's archaeological investigations conducted for private sponsors since May 1994. Volunteers have participated in digs at an Archaic culture site on the north side of Tucson, at Hohokam and Historic-period archaeological sites in the Green Valley vicinity, and at a small ruin of the Hohokam and Tyncheras cultures south of Tumacacori National Historical Park.

Avocational archaeologists have also been afforded opportunities to help with artifact processing and other laboratory work conducted in conjunction with these projects and others conducted by Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, and have participated in Old Pueblo's surveys to locate archaeological sites. Volunteers helped organize and staff the organization's exhibit at the Arizona Archaeology Fair that was held in Tubac in March, and have provided needed assistance when Old Pueblo Archaeology has tours of the Sabino Canyon Ruin to the general public.



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