

**HAVE YOU EVER WANTED
TO TOUCH HISTORY?**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

**REALLY, REALLY
TOUCH HISTORY?**

MISSION SANTA CRUZ SUMMER ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT 2016

Recently, *Santa Clara University* completed an extensive two-year archaeological excavation as part of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) requirements during the construction of a new parking garage. The site excavated sits upon part of the former neophyte (Indian) housing at Mission Santa Clara. The excavation yielded numerous new findings relating to the day-to-day lives of the mission inhabitants and is the richest collection to date from any mission archaeological excavation in California.

Because Mission Santa Cruz State Historic Park is the only remaining neophyte housing preserved as a museum in California, *Santa Clara University* and *California State Parks* have entered into a collaboration to work together in processing this new collection of artifacts. The results of this project will help both institutions and eventually a wide array of researchers in understanding what mission life was truly like for the inhabitants who occupied them.

In order to help SCU with its public outreach program, *California State Parks* and *Santa Clara University* are working closely together to create a summer program for volunteers to gain hands-on experience in handling and identifying a variety of artifact types. In addition, volunteers will learn about the history and archaeology of the missions how the current project contributes to our greater understanding of this critical period in California's history.

- Lab work will occur at the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park.
- Special lectures and field trip opportunities will be available.
- Volunteer for one or both sessions!
- Recommended for ages 16 and up.



Above, images of our happy volunteers in the 2015 Summer Archaeology Project.

Volunteer each Monday 6/27 to 8/22 or each Friday 6/24 to 8/19, 10am-2pm

- Sort and process **REAL** artifacts from a recent archaeological excavation.
- Volunteers will receive formal lab training.
- Volunteers will gain a clear understanding of Native American life at a California Mission, based upon this latest research.

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