

11th Annual Archaeology Weekend

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center
Borrego Springs, California April 5-6, 2014 Free Admission



Theme: *How the Science of Archaeology and Protection of Cultural Resources has Evolved During California State Parks 150 Year History.*

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Events

- 9 - 4:30 **Silent Auction** at the Begole Archaeological Research Center. Bidding closes 4:30 pm. Winning bids announced 5:00 pm. (Winners need not be present)
- 9:30 - 4 **Guided Tours of the Archaeology Lab.** Conducted by Colorado Desert Archaeology Society volunteers. Groups depart from the Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour.
- 10-4:00 **Native American Basket and Pottery Display.** (Craft items for sale)
- Pottery Making Demonstration and Kids' Activities** - Includes clay grinding with paddle and anvil construction techniques. By: CDAS Archaeology volunteers. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)
- Demonstration Table on Uses of Native Plants for Food, Medicine and Construction by the Kumeyaay Tribes of San Diego County & Baja.** By: Park volunteers Bob and Suzanne Emery.
- Pictograph Stories** – Students of all ages will look at pictographs and then try to decode the pictograph story. They will then create their own story using pictographs and transfer that story to a rock to take home. Nierenberg Plaza at: 10:00 – 11:00 and 2:00 – 3:00 By: Ranger LuAnn.
- 12:00 **Film: *Songs of the Colorado*** - Traditional Native American songs of the Colorado Desert region.
- 4:30 **Free Ice Cream Social:** Ice cream sundaes and root beer floats. Announcement of silent auction winning bids
5:30 at 5:00. Begole Archaeological Research Center, patio area.

Presentations

- 10 – 11 **Anza-Borrego Desert State Park – Something to Celebrate!** As we celebrate the creation of our Nation's first state park 150 years ago, we can also celebrate another almost unknown first – Anza-Borrego was the Nation's first desert park to become a reality in 1932. Before Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Monuments were created, visionaries were focusing on preserving this area and making it part of the Nation's first state park system. By: Historian Diana Lindsay.
- 11- 12 ***Have a Nice Day Job* provides a humorous look back at, Dave Van Cleve's thirty-two year career with California State Parks.** By: Retired Superintendent of the Colorado Desert District, Dave Van Cleve.
- 1 – 2 **Evolution of Scientific Archaeology since the Middle of the 19th Century, especially within California State Parks.** How improved field methods, laboratory analyses, and the Digital Age have enriched our understandings of the Past. By: Archaeologist Joan Schneider, PhD.
- 2 – 3 **Documenting, Preserving, and Protecting Rock Art in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park – A Brief history of changes in the methods of photographing rock art.** By: CDAS volunteer, Joel Kilpatrick.
- 3 – 4 **Film: *California Forever - 150 Year History of the California State Park System.*** By: Backcountry Pictures, Inc.

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Events

9 – 12 **Native American Basket and Pottery Display.** (Craft items for sale)

9:30 -12 **Guided Tours of the Archaeology Lab.**
Groups depart Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour.

10 - 12 **Pottery Making Demonstration** - Includes clay grinding with paddle and anvil construction techniques.
By: CDAS Archaeology volunteers. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)

Demonstration Table on Uses of Native Plants for Food, Medicine & Construction by the Kumeyaay Tribes of San Diego County & Baja. By: Park Volunteers Bob and Suzanne Emery.

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10-11 **From a Ranger's Point of View: Working Together Towards Protecting our Cultural Heritages- A Historical Perspective.** (This program is especially for KIDS & their parents) By: Ranger Steve Bier.

11-12 **First People – Kumeyaay.** This film is a fascinating and extensive history of the First People to live in Southern California – collectively known as the Kumeyaay Nation. Winner of the “People’s Choice Award” at the Borrego 2014 Film Festival. Directed By: Nick Nordquist.

Field Trips

08:30 **Clark Lake Petroglyphs:** This is a moderate hike of approximately 3 miles round trip to visit the Clark Lake
01:00 Petroglyph Site. The hike across the desert floor crosses the braided wash system which flows out of Rockhouse Canyon. The petroglyphs are associated with the Cahuilla People and were pecked into the heavy desert-varnished boulders at the north end of Clark Lake. The trip will depart from the Pegleg Monument at 8:30 AM and will return by 12:30-1:00 PM. 4WD is necessary for this trip. Trip led by: CDAS volunteer, Chuck Bennett.

9-3:30 **Piedras Grandes (Big Rocks):** Join Retired Associate State Archaeologist Joan Schneider and CDAS volunteer, Bill Parker on a ride-and-hike field trip to our southernmost Cultural Preserve. See the Horse-and-Rider pictograph and other cultural resource sites nearby. Visit Dos Cabezas Spring. See the beneficial results of limiting vehicular access to this important area; see the visual impacts caused by the Ocotillo wind project. Meet at the entrance to Morteros Wash (map available) at 9 AM. Four-wheel drive vehicle with high clearance is a MUST. Carpooling available from meeting place. Bring plenty of water and lunch, hats, sunscreen, and the usual desert gear. Be prepared to learn. We will drive up a large wash, cross a railroad track, cross rocky terrain, and then hike about one mile (two miles round trip) up and down a sandy trail. Find out why this was one of the first areas chosen as a Cultural Preserve.

Pre-registration and \$5.00 fee required for both the Clark Lake Petroglyphs & Piedras Grandes field trips. For detailed information and reservations call ABF at 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

During Archaeology Weekend: Check for last-minute field trip openings at the ABF table in front of the Visitor's Center. Wear hiking shoes and bring hat and water.



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