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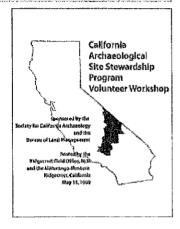
Before they begin monitoring sites, volunteers for the California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) take a two-day training workshop over one weekend. The Saturday classroom session consists of lectures, small group discussions, and question-and-answer periods. Presenters usually include archaeologists, law-enforcement officials, and representatives of Native American communities, and may include other experts in natural sciences and history. Lunch is provided at the workshop on Saturday. The Sunday session consists of a field trip to archaeological and historical sites, lead by the archaeologist who will be coordinating the local team of volunteers.

Mho can join. Everyone with a sincere interest in preserving California heritage is welcome to join CASSP. Site stewards must be over the age of 18.

A typical workshop agenda. The classroom session on Saturday includes:

- 9:00 welcoming remarks, introductions, and program overview,
- · 10:30 presentations on local cultural resources,
- 12:00 lunch (provided at the classroom),
- . 1:00 safety concerns, legal Issues, how to be a witness,
- · 3:00 small-group role-playing and discussion,
- 4:30 complete application form and confidentiality agreement; program concludes.

Workshop fee. There is a fee of \$25 per person, which is paid to the Society for California Archaeology. Grants and contributions, not registration fees, pay most of the workshop costs. CASSP volunteers may attend the volunteer training workshop again for a refresher, if space permits; If you have paid the \$25 registration fee before, then you do not pay it a second time for the refresher.



Cover of the training notebook for the first workshop in 1999, held at the Maturango Museum for the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office.



The first day of the training workshop consists of classroom sessions with speakers and exercises.



Lunch is provided on the first day. On the second day, participants bring snacks for the field trip.

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CASSP training workshops are held throughout California. Each volunteer training workshop focuses upon the archaeological and historical resources at the host agency. But the structure of the workshops is consistent from place to place. You may take the volunteer training at one location, and join an existing team of volunteer site stewards at another location that is closer to home.

34 (updated 9/14/2011) The current schedule of workshops:

November 5-6 at the Sierra National Forest (1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, 93611). This workshop will be hosted by Doug McKay, Forest Archaeologist and Heritage Program Manager, at the Sierra Forest headquarters.

November 12-13 at the BLM Bakersfield Field Office (3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield 93308). BLM archaeologist Tamara Whitley will host this workshop. The field trip part of the training will take place at Carrizo Plain National Monument.

November 19-20 at the Western Divide Ranger District, Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument (32588 Highway 190, Springville, 93265). Linn Gassaway, Zone Archaeologist for Giant Sequoia National Monument and for the Hume Lake and Western Divide Ranger Districts, Sequoia National Forest will be our host.

December 3-4 at the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office (300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, 93555). BLM archaeologist Ashley Blythe will host this workshop.

December 10-11 at the BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office (1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, 92262). BLM archaeologist George Kline will be our host.



Priscilla Summers, District Ranger, Sequoia National Forest and Glant Sequoia National Monument, welcomed participants at the CASSP workshop at Springville, September 2010.



CASSP workshop participants spend the second day in the field. This workshop took place in Pt. Arena in October 2010 for the BLM Uklah Field Office.



On the second day, these workshop participants visited an historic cabin (background, right) in the Sequoia National Forest.

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