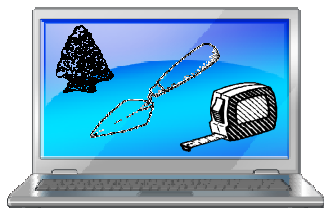




Teachers' Professional Development in Archaeology Education now Available Online



"Thank you for this wonderful course! It was great to work on it on my own time at home, but still have access to great instructors. I learned a great deal about archaeology and how to learn online." McKelle Franco, elementary teacher, Taylorsville, Utah.

Kids love archaeology! From Indiana Jones to Lara Croft, the excitement of discovering the past through archaeology ignites the imagination of kids, young and old. Because of its complexity, archaeology also involves all of the skills that students learn in the classroom. This makes archaeology a unique and fun way of engaging students in many academic disciplines.

- Ⓜ Online access
- Ⓜ Authentic archaeological data
- Ⓜ Hands-on activities
- Ⓜ Read-to-use comprehensive curriculum
- Ⓜ 2 university credits

Project Archaeology, a BLM supported archaeology education organization, announces an online teachers' professional development workshop to show educators how to engage kids in learning through the processes of archaeology. "Project Archaeology gives educators a way to use the engaging subject of archaeology to teach social studies, science, and literacy." Says Jeanne Moe, BLM Project Archaeology Lead, "At the same time, they can teach kids about our nation's rich archaeological legacy and how to protect it for present and future generations." The online workshop will help teachers learn and implement the Project Archaeology designed curriculum *Investigating Shelter* which enables students the opportunity to practice the basics of scientific inquiry using authentic archaeological data.

"The Project Archaeology: Investigating Shelter unit achieves deeper understanding of science and history by challenging, engaging and guiding students through the scientific process, while teaching fundamental concepts and employing higher-level thinking skills." Tonya LeMoine 4th grade teacher, Rifle, Colorado

Teachers will learn first hand how to help students apply archaeological concepts as they investigate a shelter using primary data sources such as maps, artifact illustrations, historic photographs and oral histories. Engaging hands-on activities fulfill many core requirements such as social studies, science, mathematics, language arts and art while promoting citizenship, building personal ethics and character, and achieving deeper cultural understanding.

The next Eight-week Online Educator Workshop will begin March 15, 2010. The course will incorporate 4 ½ hours per week of self-directed study and is geared towards upper elementary teachers, grades 3 – 6. The course costs \$175.00 which includes the curriculum guide and 2 university credits. Interested teachers should contact Madlyn Runburg at 801-671-7713 or mrunburg@umnh.utah.edu by March 5, 2010.

Project Archaeology is a comprehensive archaeology and heritage education program which includes publications, professional development for educators, networking opportunities, and continuing support for participants. The US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has supported Project Archaeology since its inception in 1990 and is pleased to assist MSU and UMNH with this innovative approach to distribution of archaeology education materials. The BLM is committed to protecting archaeological resources through education which supports its mission to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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