

Information Packet

KANSAS ARCHEOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM FIELD SCHOOL Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, Shawnee, County Monroe School & Monroe Neighborhood Dump Site (14SH113 & 14SH114) June 3-18, 2022

Sponsors of the 2022 Kansas Archeology Training Program (KATP) field school are the Kansas Historical Society (KSHS) and the Kansas Anthropological Association (KAA). Partners in the field school are the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site and the Midwest Archeological Center, both part of the National Park Service.

COMPONENTS

This year's KATP field school consists of four primary components:

1. excavation of an archeological site;
3. field laboratory;
4. formal classes in archeology; and
5. the KAA certification program.

GOALS

1. To provide education in archeology through hands-on experience and formal classes on focused topics. Such intensive training allows quality scientific work to be accomplished at significant archeological sites.
2. To enable the investigation of sites for which there is minimal other research funding. KATP participants provide a skilled and highly motivated work force, allowing much needed research on important archeological sites.
3. To process as much as possible in the field laboratory. Because KATP investigations usually are not tied to development, no additional funds are available for laboratory processing of collected materials.
4. To bring together individuals from Kansas and elsewhere who share a common interest in archeology. The camaraderie that comes from the renewal of old friendships, the forging of new ones, and the dedication to a common purpose makes the two weeks a very rewarding experience.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Participants must be at least 12 years of age. Those younger than 14 must always work with a parent or other sponsoring adult. Participants between 14 and 17 years of age must be accompanied on the project by a parent, guardian, or sponsor. If a participant needs special accommodation, please notify the

Kansas Historical Society at least two weeks prior to the start of the field school so arrangements can be made.

2. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to become members of the KAA and/or the Kansas Historical Society. The online registration offers membership options. Whether they join the KAA and/or the Kansas Historical Society or not, all participants are required to sign the Attendance Agreement, Legal Release, and KAA Code of Ethics.

3. A registration fee is required of participants to help cover field school expenses. The registration fee for members of the Kansas Historical Society and the Kansas Anthropological Association is \$35 for standard participants, \$25 for participants 65 or older, \$15 for all students currently enrolled at a middle school, high school, or college. If a participant is not a member of either the KAA or Kansas Historical Society, the fee is \$90. For those students enrolled in AN 372: Archeological Field School through Washburn University, registration fees will be waived, but students are encouraged to join the Kansas Anthropological Association and/or Kansas Historical Society.

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the project, lodging, and food. Suggestions for places to stay are included on the final page of this document.

4. Before taking part in field school activities, all participants must check in at the project headquarters registration table at Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, 1515 SE Monroe St., Topeka, 66612. This table will be placed near the building entrance and **will be staffed only between 7:30 and 8:00 am each day, so please arrive during that half-hour.**

5. All participants must attend a one-time orientation session, detailing the goals of the program and archeological background of the site. Orientation is offered daily from 8 to 8:30 a.m. from June 3 through June 17. Orientation will always be held at Brown v. Board of Education.

New participants at KATP must take the Principles of Archeology course. This class follows orientation each morning from June 3 through June 16 at Brown v. Board of Education. **First-time participants should expect to devote two hours of their first morning to orientation and the principles of archeology class.** Members who have attended the principles class at a previous KATP field school are not required to repeat it and may go directly to their scheduled activity after attending orientation. **First-time participants are not allowed to work in the field on June 3 but are welcome in the Lab that day if space is available.** There will be no principles class on June 17 or June 18, and therefore **no new participants may start the project on those final two days.**

6. The training program is a serious scientific effort, procedures and protocol must always be followed. **It is illegal and unethical for participants to take artifacts from any of the sites that are investigated as part of the field school.** Also, participants are not allowed on the site for any reason from 5 pm to 7:45 am. After field school is complete, participants are not allowed on the site for any reason unless visiting the Kansas Museum of History and/or the Brown v. Board of Education Interpretive Center.

7. Participation in the program may be from a single day to the entire 16-day period. However, commitment to at least four hours at a time, beginning at either 8 am or 1 pm, is required.

Complete your schedule through the online registration between March 1 and May 31. Workers will be assigned to a variety of activities during their time at field school. The number of participants will be

limited by activity per four-hour period each day (morning/afternoon), there will be a 50-person limit in the field and 22-person limit in the lab. **Please note, the field school (including the lab and the field) is closed on Mondays (June 6 and 13).**

Due to the limited numbers in the field and lab, schedule changes between field and lab work will be limited based on availability. We request that participants limit changes to their schedule as it creates issues with scheduling. If a participant needs to change their schedule, they should ask Shannon Beltz in the field and Chris Garst in the lab. Changes cannot be made the same day as a requested change.

If a participant must leave the project before their stated departure time, they should notify Chris Garst in the lab or Nikki Klarmann in the field about the change of plans. Otherwise, the staff worries about missing persons.

Fees will be refunded only if a cancellation request is received by May 31, 2022.

June 18 will be a wrap-up day in the field and lab, with packing and loading up being accomplished by the end of the day. If time allows, field equipment will be unloaded at KSHS on this day.

The KSHS and the KAA do not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of their programs. **The KSHS requests prior notification to accommodate individuals with disabilities or special needs.** To make special arrangements, contact Nikki Klarmann at Nikki.Klarmann@ks.gov.

STAFF

The principal investigator for the 2022 KATP field school is Nikki Klarmann.

Professional KSHS staff members supervising this year's program are as follows:

Shelby Beltz, Archeologist – Contract Archeology Program

Chris Garst, Archeologist – Lab

Chris Herriage, Archeologist – Contract Archeology Program

Robert Hoard, State Archeologist

Nikki Klarmann, Archeologist – Public Outreach, Principal Investigator

Other Professional archeologists will be assisting on the project this year:

Ashley Barnett, Archeologist – Midwest Archeological Center

Laura Murphy, Assistant Professor – Washburn University

Timothy Weston, retired Kansas SHPO Archeologist

Archeologists from the Midwest Archeological Center (National Park Service) will work closely with KSHS archeologists on background research, developing research questions, planning excavation techniques, and attending some of the field school.

Several experienced members of the KAA will serve in Volunteer Staff positions and as Techniques Instructors in the field and lab, and other members will oversee photography and record-keeping tasks of the project.

FIELD INVESTIGATION

The annual field school will partner with Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, in Topeka and the National Park Service's Midwest Archeological Center (MWAC). The Park includes the Monroe Elementary School and commemorates the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court's decision to end the nation's legal segregation. The landmark victory for civil rights in America helped to inspire the American Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s. The national historic site is located where Monroe Elementary School was built in 1927 and the previous Monroe School was built in 1874. Both were intended as segregated schools for Black children, one of four in Topeka, until the 1954 court decision.

The goal of the 2022 KATP is to expand on knowledge of the school property from the early years when it was purchased by John Ritchie in 1855 and later when the current Monroe school was built. The field school will be an opportunity to explore some of the structures buried on the property that once stood near the earlier Monroe school. Little information is known regarding the preservation of these structures. Through the use of archeology, it is hoped to gain a better understanding of those who lived in the Monroe school neighborhood. This project will help tell of the crucial time between the Civil War and the Civil Rights eras that had a profound impact on people's lives throughout the nation. Visitors to this national site are often unaware or unable to understand the property's broader history prior to the 1954 court decision. Research goals will be shaped by input from the National Park Service to assist them in telling this story and to gain more understanding about the people who lived and learned here.

Prerequisites, Schedules, and Transportation

Signing the Attendance Agreement, Legal Release, and KAA Code of Ethics, payment of field school fees, and completion of orientation and principles of archeology sessions are prerequisites for participation. Furthermore, participants are asked to commit at least a four-hour block of time to an activity. Field work will take place daily from 8 am to 12 pm and 1 to 5 pm. ***Please note, there will be no field work on Mondays (June 6 and 13).***

During the day, each participant is required to complete and submit certain written records, which become part of the permanent site file. After field school, these materials will be analyzed by KSHS archeologists and then all records and artifacts will be curated by Midwest Archeological Center in Lincoln, NE. Depending upon experience and previous training, individuals also may be involved in other activities, such as mapping, recording features, and making profile drawings.

More logistical details will be announced at orientation and emailed out prior to field school. Parking will be available on or near the site; parking signs will be visible to direct participants. **Participants are encouraged to carpool whenever possible.** Smoking is prohibited at the site.

FIELD LABORATORY

A field laboratory, supervised by KSHS Archeologist Chris Garst, will be established at the Kansas Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Ave, Topeka, 66615. It will be open from 8 am to 12 pm and from 1 to 5 pm, beginning after orientation on Friday, June 3 and will close by the end of day June 18. ***Please note, lab will be closed on Mondays (June 6 and 13).***

Participants are encouraged to work in the lab as well as in the field. **Achieving lab goals is every bit as important as achieving field goals,** and people with lab experience make better excavators. The lab is an

excellent way for beginners to get hands-on experience with the variety of artifacts and other materials recovered during an excavation. Parents or other sponsors should keep in mind that the number of laboratory tasks that are suitable for young children is very limited; therefore, the number of children that can participate in the lab at any one time may be restricted.

FORMAL CLASSES

Each year, several formal classes are offered that may be used to fulfill KAA certification requirements or simply to learn more about a topic. A minimum of five students is required to justify the time of conducting a class. Classes are open to all KATP participants, whether or not they are signed up for the certification program. **There is no extra charge for classes.** All students must attend the orientation lecture on or before the day they begin class. **Do not enroll in a class unless you plan to attend all sessions.** The classes being offered are listed below.

Historic Preservation

Monday June 6th from 9am-4pm (with a 1hr lunch break)

Location: Brown v. Board of Education

Instructor(s): Historic Preservation Office, Kansas Historical Society

Enrollment Limit: 20

Taught by the Kansas Historical Society this one-day class will explain how to identify and gather data on historic resources. In a classroom setting, participants will learn to record basic physical and historical information about a property, photograph it, and draw a site plan.

Professional architectural historians will lead groups to a local residential neighborhood to conduct fieldwork including identifying architectural styles, writing architectural descriptions of buildings, sketching site plans, photographing properties, and completing inventory field forms. Participants will also learn how to upload findings to the Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KHRI) online database.

Pre-registration is required and separate from the KATP registration, contact Marsha Longofono at 785-272-8681, ext. 222; kshs.shpo@ks.gov if you are interested.

Kansas Prehistory

Tuesday June 7th through Friday June 10th, 1pm - 5pm

Location: Brown v. Board of Education

Instructor: Dr. Robert Hoard, Kansas Historical Society

Enrollment Limit: 20 people

This class will explore the human occupation of what is now the state of Kansas from the earliest known people arriving at the end of the last Ice Age (about 13,000 years ago) until contact with people from Europe and Africa. We will discuss the effect of changing climate—its impact on the landscape and on the preservation of archeological sites—as well as the human responses to these changes. A major focus is change in technology through time, and how people used resources such as clay, stone, bone, skins, and fiber. Evidence of food sources will be presented, as will the domestication of plants and the use of domesticated animals—dogs and horses. Other topics include trade, migration, population density, and treatment of the dead. Throughout the class there will be discussions of how we know what we know, what kind of data is used to understand the past, the process of evaluating that data, and how we attempt to link our modern observations to the behavior of people in the past. This class is a requirement for several categories of the KAA Certification Program.

Geoarchaeology**Tuesday June 14th through Friday June 17th, 1pm - 5pm****Location: Brown v. Board of Education****Instructor: Dr. Laura Murphy, Washburn University****Enrollment Limit: 12 people**

Geoarchaeology is the application of Earth science techniques to solve archaeological problems, which includes answering questions about site formation processes and the relationship between humans and their natural, social, and built environments. We will focus on basics of stratigraphy, soil classification, site formation processes, landscape modeling, and paleoenvironmental reconstruction, and discuss the array of laboratory techniques used to answer questions about past human-environment interactions. Students will have the opportunity to work hands-on with soils and sediments from archaeological sites.

AN 372: Archaeological Field School**Washburn University Sociology and Anthropology Department****Instructor: Dr. Laura Murphy, Washburn University****Prerequisite: AN 371 or consent of instructor.****Dates: May 31, 2022, to June 30, 2022**

This course provides students with practical, hands-on experience where they apply their archaeological training and knowledge at a field site held off-campus. The field school may include survey, location, and excavation techniques, technical mapping, and proper documentation and collection of field data. Long-distance and overnight travel may be required.

Contact Dr. Laura Murphy (laura.murphy@washburn.edu) for more information.

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The KAA conducts a certification program for KAA members in the basic skills and techniques of Plains archeology. The training sessions take place primarily at KATP field schools and involve a combination of hands-on instruction, experience, and formal classes. The specific categories of instruction cover archeological site surveying, excavation procedures, laboratory techniques, and public education efforts.

The one-time enrollment fee for the certification program, paid to the KAA, is \$10. Information will be available at field school check-in, where KAA members may sign up for the program or interested individuals may contact KAA Certification Chair Alice Kreissler, akreissler80@gmail.com.

Being enrolled in the certification program and/or completing specific categories does not certify you as a professional archeologist or provide any credentials for conducting archeology. The program is for personal enrichment and learning. Professional archeologists are those that meet Secretary of the Interior Standards (https://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_9.htm).

ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMS

Various informal educational presentations and social gatherings take place during the field school. A **preliminary** calendar will be posted at www.kshs.org/katp prior to field school and emailed to registrants. Revised schedules with specific times and locations will be displayed in the check-in area and elsewhere during the field school. Evening programs are open to the public and we encourage residents of the surrounding communities to attend. Please encourage local people to come hear the project results at the Project Summary.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Each field worker should provide his/her own hand tools and basic recording supplies.

1. Head covering, sunscreen, and a water bottle. Large coolers of drinking water will be provided.
3. Boots or comfortable hiking shoes and wet weather footwear and a waterproof jacket or poncho.
5. A toolbox, backpack, or other carrying bag.
6. A 8.5 by 11-inch clipboard, pencil with good eraser, ballpoint pen, and permanent black ink felt-tip pen ("Sharpie"). Optional: a personal notebook for recording field school experiences.
7. Camera (optional). Participants are encouraged to keep a personal record of their time at KATP. Sharing digital images with KSHS is welcomed, if the images are at a resolution of at least 300 dpi, personal pictures are edited out, and those remaining are submitted on a flash drive, with a log that identifies the subject of each frame. Nikki Klarmann, Nikki.Klarmann@ks.gov, can help transfer photographs after the project.
8. Work gloves for screening and digging and knee pads (optional). There are several commercial types made for garden work.
9. A retractable tape measure, **marked in centimeters**, with a minimum length of 2 meters.
10. A small, forged trowel, such as a 5-inch (no larger than 6-inch) pointing trowel with a triangular blade or a 2-inch-wide margin trowel with a rectangular blade. Avoid trowels with riveted or welded shanks. Marshalltown and Goldblatt are good brands. **Please no garden trowels.**

When purchased, trowels are dull. For cutting through Kansas soil, a well prepared and sharpened trowel is indispensable. It is each participant's responsibility to sharpen his/her trowel before arriving on site and to keep it sharp. Although files will be available, the excavator may wish to purchase a small mill bastard file. When sharpening a trowel, wear protective eye cover.

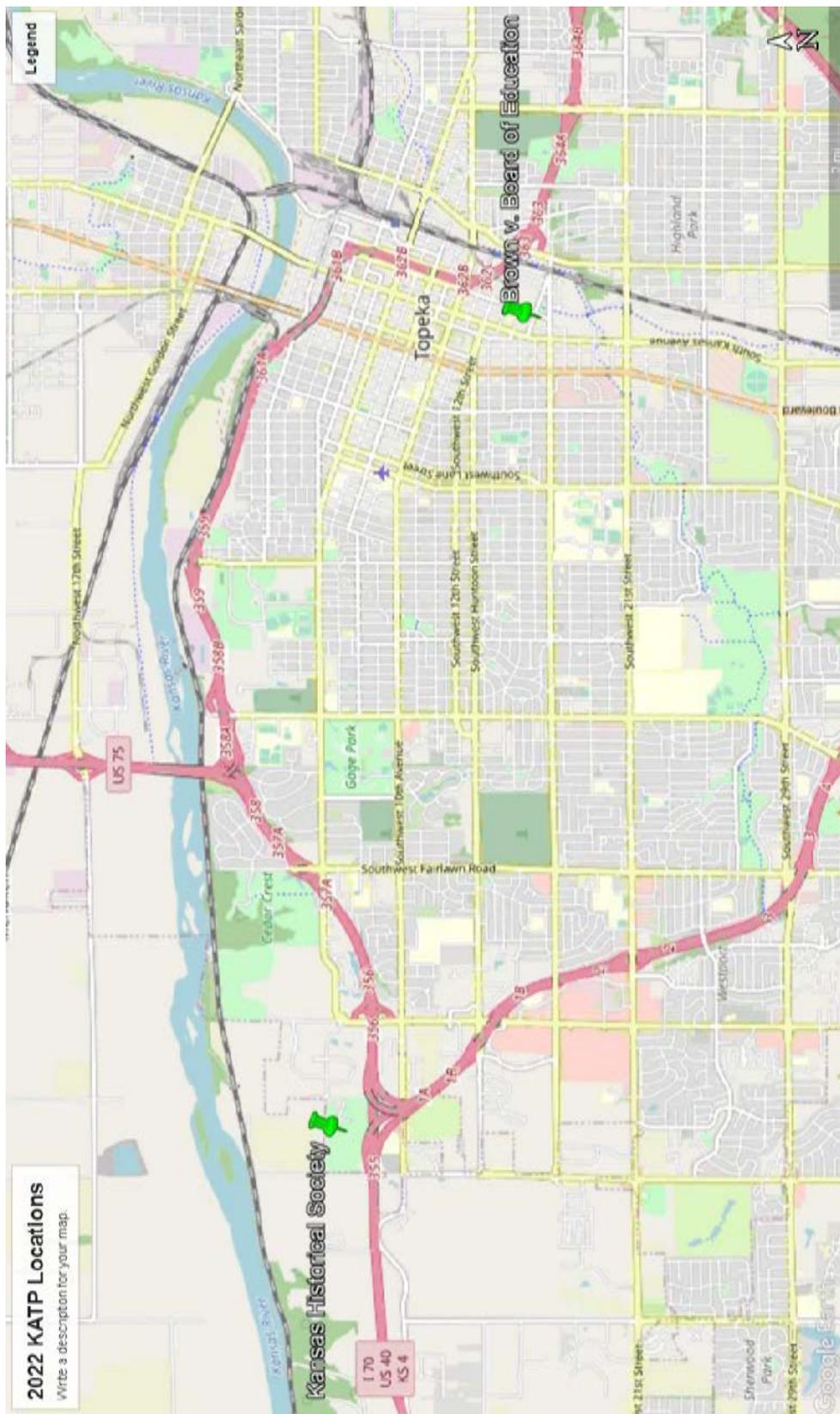
Sharpening will take some time with a file, so the initial sharpening can be done on a bench grinder. Once the blade is established, occasional light sharpening will keep it sharp. A sharpened trowel should be treated with the same precaution as a knife. Visit the KAA website (katp.org) to watch an instructional video about proper sharpening.

11. Small tools, such as a 2-inch-wide paintbrush, a whiskbroom, and a bamboo pick, for working on small, delicate items and a line level about 3 inches long.

13. A scoop or dustpan.

Other equipment, such as shovels and screens, sacks, and vials, drinking water and cups, will be provided by KSHS.

MAP OF KEY LOCATIONS



PROJECT AREA ACCOMMODATIONS

This year we are happy to work with Visit Topeka, whose goal is to promote Topeka and increase tourism's economic impact on the community. Their website features list of lodging and dining options. Please visit their website to find out more about accommodations in Topeka. Visit Topeka is also providing 2022 Visitor Guides to all field school participants, which will be available upon check-in. <https://www.visittopeka.com/>

The KSHS and KAA are not endorsing any business or omitting any business intentionally.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Shawnee County Sheriff's Department: 320 S. Kansas Ave STE 200, Topeka, 66603, (785) 251-2200
 Topeka Police Department: 320 S. Kansas Ave, STE 100, Topeka, 66603, (785) 368-9551
 Capitol Police (for KSHS): 915 SW Harrison St. #681W, Topeka, 66612, (785) 296-3420
For emergencies, dial 911.

HOSPITALS:

Stormont Vail: 1500 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604, (785) 354-6000
 University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus: 1700 SW 7th St, Topeka, 66606, (785) 295-8000

COVID PROTOCOLS

Participants will be required to follow federal, state, and local mandates regarding COVID-19 at both Brown v. Board of Education and the Kansas Historical Society. **Please note that masks will be required in all buildings at all times by all participants.** This includes during all classes and at all times in the lab. Masks are not currently required out in the field if social distancing can be maintained. Participants should have a mask on hand in the field in case of close contact with other participants. Enrollment numbers are limited this year to allow for adequate distancing of participants in the field and lab area. These protocols are subject to change prior to KATP and information regarding any change in protocols will be shared with participants prior to field school.

Federal: <https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>
 State: <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/>
 Shawnee County: <https://www.snco.us/hd/coronavirus.asp>

Note: If there are questions for the KSHS archeology staff about registration **after June 2**, please call the KSHS archeology lab at 785-272-8681, x251. **This is not an emergency number; participants are responsible for providing family and friends with contact information for themselves during the field school.** Voice mail messages regarding registration and project logistics will be returned.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2022 KATP field school at Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka.