Information Packet
KANSAS ARCHEOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM FIELD SCHOOL
Historic Lake Scott State Park (14SC409), Scott County
June 2-18, 2023

Sponsors of the 2023 Kansas Archeology Training Program (KATP) field school are the Kansas Historical Society (KSHS) and the Kansas Anthropological Association (KAA).

COMPONENTS

This year’s KATP field school consists of four primary components:
1. excavation of an archeological site
2. field laboratory
3. formal classes in archeology
4. 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 no other research funding. KATP participants provide a skilled and highly motivated work force, allowing much needed research on sites that otherwise would be neglected.

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 enjoyable and 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 18 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 Legal Release, Attendance Agreement, and KAA Code of Ethics.

3. A registration fee is required of all 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, and $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.

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 El Quartelejo Museum, 902 W. 5th St, Scott City, KS 67871, every day except June 2.

**On June 2nd, Registration, Orientation, and Principles of Archeology will be held at the Archeology Lab, 4H Exhibit Building, 604 Fair Ground Rd, Scott City, KS 67871.**

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.

All participants must attend a one-time orientation, 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 2 through June 16. Orientation will be held at El Quartelejo Museum every day except June 2, when it will be at the 4H Exhibit Building.

New participants at KATP must take the Principles of Archeology course. This class follows orientation each morning from June 2 through June 15. It will be held at El Quartelejo Museum every day except June 2. **First-time participants should expect their first morning to be 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 until June 3 but are welcome in the Lab on June 2.** There will be no principles class June 16-18, and therefore **no one new may start on the project on those final three days.**

5. The training program is a serious scientific effort, procedures and protocol must always be followed. **It is neither ethical nor permissible 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.

6. Participation in the program may be from a single day to the entire 15-day period. However, commitment to 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 22. When completing registration please be aware that fluctuations in enrollment on any given day may necessitate assigning workers to an activity other than the first choice requested on the scheduling form.
Registration fees will be refunded only if a cancellation request is received by May 15.

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.

In the lab, June 17 will be a packing day with any final cleaning of the lab space and other tasks completed the morning of June 18. For the field, June 17 will be a close out day for all excavation units, with backfilling and final packing being accomplished by midday on June 18.

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 785-272-8681, ext. 269.

KSHS STAFF

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

Chris Garst, Archeology Lab Director
Nikki Klarmann, State Archeologist
Shelby Beltz, Archeologist
Barb Crable, Archeologist
Chris Herriage, Archeologist
Austin Main, SHPO Archeologist

The principal investigator for the 2023 KATP field school will be a member of the KSHS staff, with assistance from Dr. Matt Hill and Dr. Sarah Trabert.

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Deb Aaron, Site Supervisor
Shannon Beltz, Crew Chief
Angelo Ruiz, Crew Chief
Kyle Baker, Crew Chief, Pueblo Cleaning

Dr. Tim Weston, KAA President, Teaching Orientation and Principles
Wes Gibson, Teaching Archeological Site Survey and Mapping
Gail Lundeen, Teaching Project Archaeology Workshop
Virginia Wulfkuhle, Teaching Project Archaeology Workshop

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

FIELD INVESTIGATION

The field school will focus on a Dismal River aspect site, 14SC409, that dates between AD 1650 to 1750. Dismal River aspect people are the predecessors of the modern-day Apache people, now known as the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, who are believed to be part of the Athapascan language group. A small portion of the site was identified in 1976, but additional survey and test excavations during the 2009 KATP field school found that the site is much larger than originally thought. Later work was done by Drs. Matthew Hill, Margaret Beck, and Sarah Trabert, as well
as a shovel testing survey conducted by KSHS and KAA in February 2020. The 2023 KATP field school is an opportunity to further document and understand the history of 14SC409, to hopefully nominate the site for the National Register of Historic Places in the future.

**Prerequisites, Schedules, and Transportation**

Signing the 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.

During the day, each participant is required to complete and submit certain written records, which become part of the permanent site file. All accumulated records and artifacts will be curated by the KSHS in Topeka for future research and museum use. Depending upon experience and previous training, individuals also may be involved in other activities, such as mapping, recording features, and making profile drawings.

Logistical details will be announced at orientation. Parking will be available on site; parking signs will be visible to direct participants. **Workers are strongly encouraged to carpool whenever possible.** Smoking is prohibited at the site.

**FIELD LABORATORY**

A field laboratory, supervised by KSHS Lab Archeologist Chris Garst, will be established at the **Scott County Fair Grounds, 4H Exhibit Building, 604 Fair Ground Rd, Scott City, KS 67871.** It will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 p.m., beginning after orientation on Friday, June 2. The lab will cease washing artifacts by June 15, although other cleaning and cataloging can continue longer. Participants are needed to help load on the morning of June 18. All these wind-down activities count for KAA Certification as lab hours and, if previously arranged with Chris Garst, for item G. (assisting in preparation of a collection for transportation or long-term storage) in the Basic Archeological Laboratory Technician category.

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 archeological 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 to fulfill certification requirements or simply to learn more about a topic. A minimum of five students is required to justify the time and expense of conducting a class. The 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. **If you enroll in a class that begins at 8 am, plan to take orientation on a previous day.** Do not enroll in a class unless you can attend all sessions (usually 16 hours). **Certification credit cannot be awarded if you miss class sessions.** The classes being offered are listed below.

**Basic Laboratory Techniques**
Dates/Times: June 6 to June 9, 1 pm to 5 pm  
Instructor: Chris Garst  
Description: This class will combine lecture and hands-on experience to teach the basic procedures for processing archeological specimens. Cleaning and sorting artifacts, preserving fragile materials, labeling specimens, preparing a descriptive catalog, and determining proper collections storage and maintenance will be covered. This class fulfills one requirement for the Advanced Archeological Laboratory Technician category of the KAA Certification Program. Class is limited to 15 people.

**Archeological Site Survey and Mapping**  
Dates/Times: June 13 to June 16, 1 pm to 5 pm  
Instructor: Wes Gibson  
Description: The survey class introduces the methods used in the finding and recording of archeological sites. This year, several sites identified during the 2009 KATP field school will be revisited. Instruction pertaining to the identification of cultural materials, basic map reading, topographic interpretation, and filling out KSHS site forms will be combined with field activities. This class fulfills one requirement for the Basic Archeological Surveyor category of the KAA Certification Program. Class is limited to 12 people.

**Project Archaeology Workshop**  
Dates/Times: June 12 to June 13, 8 am to 4:30 pm  
Instructor(s): Virginia Wulfkuhle and Gail Lundeen  
Description: This workshop, Archaeology of Shelter and Migration in Western Kansas, is designed for pre-service teachers, in-service teachers, informal educators (e.g., museum personnel, park employees, Scout leaders, etc.), avocational archaeologists (including KAA members), and archaeologists. Instructors will model national and Kansas-specific Project Archaeology materials that are multidisciplinary, inquiry-based, and designed for, but not limited to, grades 3-8. Project Archaeology uses archaeology to foster understanding of past and present cultures; improve social studies, science, and literacy education; and enhance citizenship education to help preserve our archaeological legacy. The event will be hosted at the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) headquarters at Historic Lake Scott State Park west of Scott City, Kansas. Within this park are an archaeological site (Scott County Pueblo, 14SC1) and a National Register of Historic Places property (Herbert and Eliza Steele House) that are pertinent to the curriculum being presented. For more information contact Virginia Wulfkuhle at virginia.wulfkuhle@gmail.com. Participants will register for the class through the online KATP registration. Class is limited to 12 people.

**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.

After fulfilling the requirements of a category, members will be certified as proficient in particular skills. 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 at 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. Revised schedules with specific times and locations will be displayed in the check-in area and elsewhere during the field school. Once the evening program schedule is finalized it will be emailed to online registrants. 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.
MAPS OF KEY LOCATIONS

OVERVIEW
PROJECT AREA ACCOMMODATIONS
The KSHS and KAA are not endorsing any business or omitting any business intentionally.

**Food**
- El Dos De Oros, 1213 S. Main St, Scott City, 620-872-5204
- La Fiesta Restaurant, 109 E Park Ln, Scott City, 620-872-2777
- La Tia-Juana, 1306 S. Main St, Scott City, 620-872-9621
- Los Primos, 1306 S Main St, Scott City, 620-909-5070
- Mom And Pop's Burger Stop, 308 W. 5th St, Scott City, 620-874-9292
- Peking Garden, 324 N. Main St, Scott City, 620-872-7221
- Pizza Hut, 1304 S. Main St, Scott City, 620-872-5301
- Sonic Drive-In, 1718 1/2 S. Main St, Scott City, 620-874-9694
- Subway, 1311 S. Main St, Scott City, 620-872-0044
- Tate's Restaurant, 405 S Main St, Scott City, 620-909-5002
- The Boiler Restaurant & Bar, 102 S. Main St, Scott City, 620-872-5055
- The Grill House, 611 E. 5th St, Scott City, 620-872-5656
- The Original Grande, 1201 Main St, Scott City, 620-874-9118
- TruNorth Café, 1313 Main St, Scott City, 620-214-9574
- Walker Tea, 1314 Main St, Scott City, 888-241-2832
- Wendy's, 1502 S. Main St, Scott City, 620-872-7288

**Grocery**
- La Michoacana Market & Food Truck, 212 Main St, Scott City, 620-872-9790
- White's Food Liner, 1314 Main St, Scott City, 620-872-5854

**Motels, Inns**
- Best Western El-Quartelejo Inn & Suites, 1610 S. Main St, Scott City, 800-780-7234
- Lazy-R Motel, 710 E. 5th St, Scott City, 620-872-3043
- Scott City Inn, 609 E. 5th St, Scott City, 620-872-2125
- Stepping Inn Motel, 104 Main St., Scott City, 620-872-5353

**RV, Camping**
- Pine Tree RV Park, 402 N. Main St, Scott City, 620-872-3076
- Lake Scott State Park, 520 W. Scott Lake Dr, Scott City, 620-872-2061

**Laundry**
- City Laundromat, 704 E. 5th St, Scott City, 620-872-5656

**Emergency Services**
- Scott County Hospital: Emergency Room, 201 Albert Ave, Scott City, 620-872-5811
- Scott County Fire Department, 301 Court St, Scott City, 620-872-5593
- Scott County Sheriff, 602 W. 5th St, Scott City, 620-872-5805
- Scott City Civil Defense, 602 W. 5th St, Scott City, 620-872-2133
- Kansas Highway Patrol, 698 W. 3rd St, Scott City, 620-872-2132

*If you have an emergency, call 911.*

**Note:** If there are questions or serious communications for the KSHS archeology staff after May 26, call the KSHS archeology cell phone at 785-580-7584, only during lab hours (8-5pm). Voice mail messages will be returned. **This is not an emergency number; participants are responsible for providing family and friends with contact information for themselves during the field school.**