

Volunteer Opportunities

The Center for Desert Archaeology works to preserve the places of our shared past. We achieve this mission by researching questions of broad interest, enabling people to learn about the past through creative and varied means, promoting an ethic of preservation to the public and professionals, and acting to ensure long-term protection of our cultural heritage. The Center is a private 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Tucson, Arizona. We work throughout the American Southwest and Northwest Mexico.

Who Can Volunteer?

All current Center members are eligible to volunteer. If you aren't already a member, join the Center! Membership starts at only \$25 a year, and includes four issues of our valuable publication, *Archaeology Southwest*. When you join, indicate your interest in volunteering on the membership form. A Volunteer Application form will be sent to you. Forms are also available on our website at www.cdarc.org.

Do You Have Volunteer Opportunities for Children?

Not normally. Motivated middle and high school students may qualify to work as volunteers. Please contact the Center's Membership Coordinator for more information.

What Kinds of Volunteer Jobs are Available?

Field volunteer jobs include excavation, survey, and mapping projects. We can also connect you with the Arizona Site Stewards, a volunteer program to monitor threatened archaeological sites throughout Arizona. Office volunteer jobs include library research, general office work, outreach, and fundraising. Because volunteers are an integral part of our research teams, many volunteer positions require that you are able to commit to working for a specific, scheduled amount of time.

When Can I Start Work as a Volunteer?

The availability of volunteer positions at the Center is variable. Each project has its unique volunteer crew requirements. When a new project is beginning, the Project Director reviews the volunteer applications of all current members who match a project's needs, and assembles a crew that reflects a mixture of experience levels. New applicants will be considered for positions as they become available.

What About Training?

You will be provided with any training and supervision necessary in order to ensure that your volunteer experience is a positive one. Depending upon the project and your prior experience, you may be asked to attend an orientation and training session before beginning work.

For More Information, Contact:

Kate Sarther Gann, Membership Coordinator
520-882-6946 or kate@cdarc.org

Center for Desert Archaeology Volunteer Application

Personal Information

First name _____ Last name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Person to contact in case of emergency _____

Phone _____

Are you currently a member of the Center for Desert Archaeology? yes no

(Volunteer opportunities are a benefit of membership.)

If not, are you willing to become a member? yes no

How did you hear about our volunteer program? _____

Why do you want to volunteer/what do you hope to gain from this experience? _____

Current Occupation

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Business phone _____ May we contact you at work? yes no

Archaeological Experience

Do you have previous experience in archaeology (either volunteer or paid)? yes no

If so, please list _____

Other Volunteer Experience

Are you presently a volunteer? yes no

If yes, where _____ Position _____

Have you had previous experience as a volunteer? yes no

If so, list organizations and type of work _____

(over)

Type of Volunteer Work Preferred

Field

- Excavation
- Survey
- Site mapping
- Site Stewards

Lab

- artifact washing
- artifact labeling
- bagging/boxing
- data entry

Office

- Library research
- General office
- Outreach and events
- Fundraising

Skills

Please tell us a little about the skills and interests you bring to this program. _____

Any archaeological certifications or degrees? _____

Availability

(check all that apply)

- Mornings
- Afternoons
- Evenings
- Weekdays
- Weekends

For field work:

Are you available to volunteer 8 or more hours in one day? yes no

Can you travel to work at sites beyond your immediate vicinity? yes no

References

Please list two individuals who can be contacted to provide references:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I hereby agree that all information provided is true and accurate and I give the Center for Desert Archaeology authorization to contact references.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Please return completed form to:

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