

**University of Oregon 2022 Archaeology Field School
Rimrock Draw Rockshelter (35HA3855) Schedule of Activities**

Week 1: June 20 – 24

Monday, June 20– Students meet at Moss Lab (1724 Moss St., Eugene 97403) by 8:30 AM for departure to field camp. **Please bring your lunch because any stops along the way to camp will be brief.** Load personal gear in U of O vehicles and I will hand out maps to those driving their own. The route we take will be this: From Moss Lab, take Franklin Boulevard traveling east (right) through Glenwood into Springfield, where it becomes Main St. Continue through Springfield until the road turns into Highway 126 and continue up the McKenzie River until 126 merges with Highway 20 to cross Santiam Pass. Highway 20 passes through Sisters and on to Bend (**the first leg is 130 miles**). In Bend, take the business route through town until reaching the Highway 20 turnoff (left) to Burns. Continue east on 20 to the Rimrock Draw turnoff, then follow the site directions on the maps I have provided (**the second leg is a distance of ca. 100 miles**). **You are welcome to meet us at the camp turnoff if you driving your own car and the camp is closer to where you live than Eugene...be there at 1:00.** We will regroup for a bit, then:

2:00 PM – Begin setting up the community facilities. Once that infrastructure is in place, everyone can set up their own tents.

5:00 – Prepare dinner and clean dishes.

Tuesday, June 21 – Orientation day 1

Schedule for the daily routine will be as follows:

6:30 AM – Rise and shine!

Make breakfast, prepare lunches, etc.

7:45 – 8:00 Assemble for introductory comments (breakfast and dinner crews, camp procedures, schedules) followed by site orientation. The 7:45 meeting time will be standard on all field days. After some explanation of the day's plans and additional camp setup, we will begin a tour of the nearby region, travelling in vans and at times on foot.

12:-00 – 12:30 Lunch

4:30 – End of day 1 orientation with return to camp

5:00 – Dinner detail gets started

6:00 – Dinner

Wednesday, June 22 – Orientation Day 2 – field touring once again

6:30 – time to get rolling!

7:45 – Crew assembly

8:00 – This day will involve many road miles to see the broader landscape of the Harney Basin and surrounding areas and occasional short stops to talk about the regional context of each place in relation to large scale pre-contact settlement and subsistence patterns.

12:00 – 12:30 – Lunch

4:30 – return to camp

5:00 – 6:00 dinner preparation

Thursday, June 23 – Begin work at Rimrock Draw – exploring the site and organizing work space. Thursday and Friday will introduce you to the site to familiarize you with the work space, excavation units, and general circumstances of the rockshelter and surrounding area.

Friday, June 24 – Rimrock Draw – Organizing work space and prepping excavation units. We will clear out the excavation units so that the floors can dry for a week before we begin block excavations. Although Rimrock Draw is located in an arid setting, the basalt rim has a natural seep that keeps the deep deposits damp and helping to preserve perishable materials for many thousands of years.

Quit at 4:00 to return to Eugene. Those who wish to stay in camp over the weekend are welcome. There are many incredible wildlife viewing/outdoor activities to pursue.

Please be back in camp by Sunday night and ready to work first thing Monday morning.

June 25 – 26 – Enjoy the weekend!

Artist in residence, Nancy Pobanz, will be working in camp and at the site on various projects for the entire season.

Week 2: June 27 – July 1

June 27 - This week, Dan Stueber will be in camp to instruct students in lithic analysis. His is a week-long course that consists of three days of instruction followed by two days in the field to practice newly developed identification skills.

Continuing a 13 year tradition, volunteers from the Oregon Archaeological Society (OAS) will begin their first week of excavation on the units students established the week before.

June 28 - Instruction by Dan.

June 29 - Instruction by Dan.

June 30 – Field trip with Dan.

July 1 – Field trip and wrap-up with Dan. Work ends at 4 pm. Dan leaves behind a cadre of well-trained lithic analysts.

July 2 - 4 – Weekend (Three days - Saturday through Monday...be safe.)

Week 3: July 5 – 8

Tuesday, July 5 – Student work will begin at Rimrock Draw with Phase 1 exploratory auger and shovel probes, Phase 2 test unit excavations, and the resumption of Phase 3 excavations in units started in 2012 and continued through 2019. It is true, the deposits are so deep at this site that we still have not reached bedrock in some units even after seven seasons of excavation! Work will continue at Rimrock Draw for the remaining four weeks, with some crews working in Units 18 and 19 at the back of the rockshelter, some in Unit 30, and others working on several units on the north side of the stream channel. OAS crews will begin their second week of excavations, bringing the eolian stratigraphy in some units down on top of the older tephra deposit before students take over.

July 6 – 8 – Phase 2 and 3 excavation work continues.

July 9 - 10 – Weekend

Week 4: July 11 - 15

July 11-15 - OAS is done at the site, and, I hope, provided you with a good lesson on the value of the relationship between citizen scientists and academic archaeology. Test excavations end and block excavations continue at Rimrock Draw. Crews are beginning to settle into the process of data recovery excavation and will pick up speed in both digging and recording protocols.

July 16-17 – Weekend

Week 5: July 18 - 22

Block excavations continue at Rimrock Draw.

July 18-22 - You will be doing the best work of the season by this time and the fifth week is the last one devoted fully to excavation. Enjoy your new ability, take lots of photos of the site, unit, crew, and in situ artifacts because they will become a part of your professional reference set and serve you in presentations, classroom instruction, and as case studies when you encounter other sites with similar circumstances.

July 23 – 24 – Weekend

Week 6 July 25 – 29

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Most efforts will be focused on wrapping up the excavations at Rimrock Draw. Excavation work, mapping, profiling, and backfilling will occur from Monday through Wednesday.

July 28 - Catalog Day and end of the season pizza party

July 29 – Go home and seek employment as semi-professional archaeologists

The first rule of an archaeologist is to always be flexible, and that applies to the schedule above as well. All of the activities listed above are somewhat tentative, depending on site discoveries and weather conditions.

Other Opportunities:

- Nancy Pobanz will demonstrate collecting and using earth pigments in art.
- Last year, Megan McGuinness developed an “art for archaeologists” workshop and we hope to host her again for that purpose.
- Tom and Janine Origer may be back in the field downloading temperature sensor information at the site and talk about their work.
- A trench excavated in 2021 will be used for stratigraphic reference. Students will have the opportunity to clean the walls, practice stratigraphic profiling and sediment description, and help search for archaeological and paleontological deposits.
- Students and staff will coordinate on projects of personal research interest when possible.
- Students may collaborate to give a presentation at the 2023 Northwest Anthropological Conference on the 2022 fieldwork results.