

# California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP)

**Program description** The California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) is a statewide program of volunteers who promote the protection of archaeological and historical resources through site monitoring, research, and public awareness. CASSP volunteers, under the coordination of a professional archaeologist, make regular visits to known sites to monitor and report on their conditions. CASSP is sponsored by the Society for California Archaeology (SCA), in partnership with other organizations and agencies, including the California Office of Historic Preservation, the Northern Buttes and Mojave Districts and the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of the California State Parks, the Bureau of Land Management, the US Forest Service, and units of the National Park Service.

**Training workshops** Volunteer site stewards receive training in classroom and field settings over one weekend. Archaeologists from the SCA, other professionals, and Native American representatives participate in the workshop. Agenda items for the workshop include:

- discussion of CASSP and what it takes to be a site steward,
- an overview of the region's prehistory and natural resources,
- Native American perspectives,
- a review of the Archeological Resource Protection Act and other laws,
- discussions and small-group role-playing exercises for dealing with the public, and,
- planning of site stewardship assignments.

By the end of Saturday, workshop participants who want to become CASSP volunteers sign a confidentiality agreement and commit to making regular site visits. On Sunday, participants make a field trip to actual archaeological and historical sites to learn about monitoring with the archaeologist who will be coordinating the volunteer team. Volunteers may train at a distant workshop, and then join an existing CASSP team closer to home.

Notebooks and lunch are provided for the Saturday classroom session, but plan to bring your own lunch for the Sunday field trip. Registration is required, and it costs \$25 per person to attend, payable to the Society for California Archaeology.

**Registration** To register for a volunteer workshop, please complete this form and mail it to Beth Padon, Discovery Works, Inc., 235 East Broadway Suite 980, Long Beach, CA 90802 (or phone: 562-432-1801, fax: 562-432-1811, e-mail: bpadon@discoveryworks.com). Please register by the Monday before the weekend of the workshop. Fees can be paid at the door, if you have already registered.

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Street
City, State, Zip
Phone number or e-mail address