Are you an elementary or middle school teacher looking for a new way to teach art, math, science, language arts or social studies? The Legacy staff has prepared a teachers' resource packet just for you! It's called Archaeology Tools for Teaching.

Inside you will find vocabulary lists, four special lessons (each written by archaeologists who specialize in the subject matter), 15 activity guides, and links to additional resources.

The activities outlined within this packet have all been developed to meet specific TEKs requirements. A list of the requirements is found at the top of each activity guide. Just as archaeology is a multidisciplinary field, many of our activities are appropriate for teaching multiple subjects. The subjects covered by each activity can also be easily found at the top of each guide.

Archaeology Tools for Teaching was developed to demonstrate the skills and knowledge that archaeologists use in conducting research such as mapping, using grids, calculating distance, using the scientific method, analyzing data, and searching for clues to our past. The activities were specially designed to fit your subject matter and your budget!

There are many ways to introduce your class to archaeologists from UTSA. Bring your students to the UTSA Center for Archaeological Research for a unique, hands-on experience. Students will observe and speak with archaeologists at work in our lab, participate in a mock dig, and learn to use ancient weaponry. Our Legacy staff can also provide in-school presentations and an archaeology club at your school. Students will have fun while learning about the scientific method, Indians of Texas, San Antonio Missions, how archaeologists learn about our ancestors, and the importance of preserving the past for future generations. If any of your students are interested in becoming archaeologists, they will also learn about the various jobs available in the field!
Meet the Staff!!

Whitney Lytle is the Legacy Program Coordinator. She has been busy over the summer conducting research in Belize, and running Legacy’s very successful summer camps on underwater archaeology. Whitney is a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology at UTSA. Her focus is Preclassic Maya archaeology. She brings to the Legacy program extensive experience in archaeological research, as well as designing and promoting public outreach programs. Whitney coordinates Legacy’s public outreach projects with other community agencies, develops curricula for our school programs and summer camps, and is the primary contact for our “Clubs in Schools” project. Contact her via email at Whitney.Lytle@utsa.edu or by phone at 458-4462.

Legacy welcomes new staff member, Nathan Heep, to the outreach team. Nathan, a native of Central Texas, has recently graduated with his Master’s degree in Cultural Anthropology from Texas State University. His thesis research was conducted with the Osage Native American tribe in northeast Oklahoma. As his own love of cultures began at a young age, he is excited to help foster the same curiosity in the youth of our community.

Meet Don!

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Boy Scout Day

December 1st, the Legacy Program will be assisting 30 boy scouts in acquiring their archaeology merit badges. Activities will be conducted by UTSA archaeologists and include a tour of the research lab, throwing darts with an atlatl, a mock dig, identifying artifacts, curation procedures, and more! Registration fee for each Scout is $15. There is no registration fee for parents or adult leaders. For registration information email Whitney.Lytle@utsa.edu.

Take the Legacy Pledge:
I pledge to uphold the values of cultural preservation by respecting and protecting the archaeological record of our shared human past.

Legacy Fees*:
Lab Tours:
$8 per student (no charge for teachers or parents)

In-School (classroom, auditorium, or career day presentations):
$75 for 4 hour or less
$125 for more than 4 hours

Clubs:
$200 for club sponsorship (see article)

*Title I schools qualify for funds generously granted by H-E-B, but these funds are limited. (See page 1 for additional information)

Create an Archaeology Club for Your Class!

Have you been looking for a unique and hands-on way to teach your students math, science, and social studies? If so, the Legacy program’s "Archaeology Club" is right for you! Students will create their own cultures, set up an archaeological unit, and complete their own excavation right on your school’s campus! The club includes 3 visits from Legacy staff and supporting materials for teachers between meetings. Clubs can be scheduled during school or as an afterschool enrichment program. Clubs are appropriate for grades 4th-12th and are limited to a maximum of 30 students. Join the club and take the Legacy Pledge just as classes from schools such as Gilbert Elementary, Medio Creek Elementary, Hawthorne Academy, and others have done! Title 1 schools are eligible for grant funding while it lasts. Contact us to set up an archaeology club for your classroom today!

Legacy Staff News

Ann Vieyra has left Legacy to attend graduate school for Museum Studies. We wish her all the best in her continued studies.

Archaeology Day at Mission San José
October 13th
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, National Park Services, Casa Navarro State Historic Site (Texas Historic Commission), UTSA Center for Archaeological Research and Institute of Texian Cultures, Southwestern Texas Archeological Association, the San Antonio Museum of Art, the San Antonio River Authority, Southwest Texas Archaeological Society, and Texas Coritani.

Free fun for the entire family! Activities and displays will include Corn Grinding, Hidden in the Midden, Rock Art Wall, Early Cowboys and Ranching, Flint Knapping, Artifact Touch Tables, Ancient Weaponry, Mock Dig, Ask an Archaeologist, and more! Visit www.car.utsa.edu or call 458-4462 for details.