Legacy: Hands on the Past

Our Mission: To enrich the community through public education in archaeology and cultural preservation to promote a collective responsibility for our diverse and shared past.

Lasers, & Trowels, & Burials, OH MY!

Legacy’s annual summer camp is back in 2016 with the theme “Archaeology and Innovation”. In this Mon-Fri camp, students will learn about ancient innovations, experimental archaeology, and how archaeologists use technology in the field and lab! Each day includes topical presentations with supporting crafts and activities. Camps are open to ages 9-13 years old. With 4 sessions to choose from our camp is sure to fit into any summer schedule (see “Upcoming Events” for camp dates). Camp slots are limited, so sign up fast! Registration forms will be available on the CAR website: car.utsa.edu. Questions about registration? Please email: CARLegacy@utsa.edu.

New This Summer! Maya Mini Camps!

Due to the popularity of last year’s Mesoamerican Archaeology themed camp, the Legacy team is offering two Maya mini camps this summer. These camps will include presentations and activities on Maya architecture, hieroglyphs, iconography and more! The last day of camp will be held at the Witte, where in addition to regular camp activities, campers will explore their newest exhibit “Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed”. Mini camps are 3 days, Monday through Wednesday. The June mini camp will be open to ages 10-12. And for our youngest archaeologists, the August mini camp will be open to ages 7-10 years old. Camp slots are limited, so sign up fast! Registration forms will be available on the CAR website: car.utsa.edu. If you would like to be notified when registration forms are available email: CARLegacy@utsa.edu.

NISD Community Education Classes

To register for our NISD Community Education classes, Discover the Past through Archaeology: Mexico or Family Archaeology Adventure, head to NISD’s website: http://nisd.net/ace/

Search classes in the Spring 2016 Catalogue under “Science and Discovery”

Upcoming Events

- Feb 25th: NISD Community Education Class: Discover the Past through Archaeology: Mexico (Ages 16-Adult), 6:30pm-8:30pm
- March 1st: SWTAS Lecture feat. Dr. Hana Charaf Mullins, 7:30 pm, (Free event)
- March 5th: NISD Community Education Class: Family Archaeology Adventure, 10am-3pm
- June 13th-17th: Summer Camp Session 1
- June 20th-22nd: Maya Mini Camp 1 (Ages 10-12)
- July 11th-15th: Summer Camp Session 2
- July 25th-29th: Summer Camp Session 3
- August 8th-12th: Summer Camp Session 4
- August 15th-17th: Maya Mini Camp 2 (Ages 7-10)

** Watch our Facebook and Website for more events TBA**
Meet the Legacy Staff!!

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Rachel Vara is Legacy’s Assistant Coordinator. In addition to spending over 100 hours as a volunteer at Legacy, she has experienced archaeology in both the field and the lab as a UTSA field school student in Belize. Rachel graduated with her B.A. in Anthropology from UTSA in 2013. Contact her via email at: Rachel.Vara@utsa.edu.

UPDATE: Legacy Grant News

Last year, together with the Southwest Texas Archaeological Society the Legacy Program, was awarded an Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Society Outreach Grant to support the project “Title 1 Fund for In-School Presentations.” During In-School Presentations, Legacy staff teach students about the field of archaeology including methods, cultural topics, and career opportunities. Students also get a hands-on experience with a variety of artifacts and tools of the trade! Legacy also offers prepared presentations on Archaeology and Science, Prehistoric Texas, Historic Texas, and the Belle shipwreck. Presentations can be modified for any grade level or group size. So far, this grant has enabled Legacy to introduce archaeology to over 1000 students from Title 1 schools in the San Antonio area! Funds are still available for Spring semester. To schedule a presentation please contact Legacy staff at: CARLegacy@utsa.edu.

Thank You Letters from Students at Boone Elementary!

Learn more about the AIA at: Archaeological.org
For the AIA SW Texas Chapter visit: Aiaswtas.org