

CASSP volunteer training workshop will be held on April 29-30 for the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area

We are pleased to announce a CASSP volunteer training workshop on Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, 2017 at the Lake Oroville Visitor Center, 917 Kelly Ridge Road, Oroville, 95966. Brian Walsh, State Parks archaeologist at the Northern Buttes District, is our host. If you want to attend, then send an e-mail to bpadon@discoveryworks.com or call Beth Padon at (562) 595-3995 to register. Space is limited to 25 participants and pre-registration is required, so please respond as soon as possible.

On Saturday the classroom training starts at 9:00 am and ends at 4:30 pm. The workshop fee of \$25 is collected at the door on Saturday. We provide lunch on Saturday and snacks and refreshments on Sunday. On Sunday, the volunteer training includes a field trip to practice the duties of a site steward. The field trip ends about 2:30 pm.



The first day of the volunteer training workshop consists of lectures, presentations, videos, and interactive discussions. Topics include: what it takes to be a site steward; an overview of the region's prehistory; Native American perspectives; federal and state laws that protect cultural resources; discussions and small-group exercises for dealing with the public.



Site stewards may be assigned historic sites, such as this old mining site, which contains the remains of a structure, with some historic debris. With repeated visits to this location, site stewards can recognize if the features have been damaged or if any items have been taken.



By the end of the first day, workshop participants sign a confidentiality agreement to not share sensitive site location information. On the second day of the volunteer training workshop participants visit several archaeological sites, where they learn to look for natural and visitor impacts.



With regular visits and reports, corrective actions can be taken early, before more damage is done. This spray painting is close to, but not at, an archaeological site. The agency can take actions to prevent damage at the site, such as covering the graffiti and moving the hiking trail.