

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 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division, and other districts of the California State Parks; and California offices of the US Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and National Park Service (NPS). For more information, visit the CASSP web site at www.cassp.org

Training workshops Volunteer site stewards receive training in classroom and field settings over one weekend. Archaeologists from the SCA and the USFS, BLM, California State Parks, or NPS will participate, along with other experts, and Native American representatives. The workshop begins at 9:00 on Saturday, and the first day ends about 4:30. The agenda includes:

- 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 who have signed the confidentiality agreement will make a field trip to actual archaeological and historical sites to learn about monitoring with the agency archaeologist. The field trip usually begins at 9:00 and ends by early afternoon.

The workshop fee of \$25 per person is payable to the Society for California Archaeology, and will be collected at the door. Training materials will be provided, as well as lunch for the Saturday classroom session. Please plan to bring snacks for the Sunday field trip.

Registration To register or to request additional information for a volunteer training workshop, please send your name and contact information from the boxes below to Beth Padon, Discovery Works Inc., P.O. Box 19049, Long Beach, CA 90807, or send e-mail to bpadon@discoveryworks.com, or call 562-595-3995. Registrations should be made as soon as possible, and no later than the Monday preceeding a scheduled workshop. Because space is limited, you must register in advance.

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