

# High School Field School

June 24–July 14, 2018 | Cortez, CO



## SAMPLE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

Arrive at the Crow Canyon campus between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. After settling into your room, you'll meet your counselors, educators, and fellow camp participants, and then have dinner and take part in an introductory program.

### WEEK ONE

Your week begins with a hands-on introduction to the diverse peoples who have lived in the Mesa Verde region over the past 12,000 years. Then, after practicing excavation techniques in a simulated "dig" and learning how to process artifacts in the laboratory, you'll begin working alongside our professional archaeologists at the Haynie site, an ancestral Pueblo village near Cortez. As you dig, screen, and document your finds, the discoveries you make will help us understand ancestral Pueblo culture and history in the Mesa Verde region. This week, you'll also learn about dendrochronology (tree-ring dating) and experience ancient technologies in activities that include spear-throwing with an atlatl and weaving on a loom.

Weekend: Rafting on the San Juan River in southeastern Utah, with at least one night of camping and visits to archaeological sites.

### WEEK TWO

Continuing your work in the field and lab, you'll delve more deeply into archaeological methods such as pottery typology (identifying changes in pottery styles over time). As you hone your skills, you'll be making significant contributions to Crow Canyon's long-term research into early Pueblo culture. In addition, you'll have the opportunity to discuss native cultures with American Indians living in the Four Corners area and learn more about traditional technologies and arts, including making pottery yourself.

Weekend: Travel to a Pueblo Indian village for a service learning project. Spend the weekend



*Crow Canyon Archaeological Center campus*



*Digging at Crow Canyon's 2018 excavation site*



*Archaeological fieldwork*

experiencing a contemporary Pueblo way of life while collaborating with community members on a project that will benefit the village and increase your awareness of community issues and solutions.

### **WEEK THREE**

Dig deeper into archaeology as you continue excavating at the site. You'll also examine current research trends and learn how technology has changed archaeological methodology. In addition, you'll visit the spectacular Mesa Verde National Park, a World Heritage site. Crow Canyon staff will also discuss career opportunities and describe how they launched their own careers in archaeology and related fields. On Friday, you will participate in activities, such as watching a flintknapping demonstration and trying your hand at yucca processing, and then enjoy the graduation party!

### **SATURDAY**

A self-serve breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. You must be packed and out of your room by 8:30 a.m. and should plan to leave campus by 11:00 a.m.

### **DAILY SCHEDULE**

Breakfast	7:30–8:15 a.m.
Morning activity	8:30 a.m.–noon
Lunch	noon–12:45 p.m.
Afternoon activity	1:30–about 4:30 p.m.
Dinner	5:30–6:15 p.m.
Evening program	6:15 p.m.
Quiet time	9:30 p.m.–6:00 a.m.
Lights out	10:00 p.m.

Note: Most evenings include a structured activity led by a staff member or guest scholar.

All campus meals are served cafeteria-style in the lodge. Meals away from campus are served picnic-style. Students purchase two restaurant meals on weekend excursions.



*Artifact analysis in the lab*



*Fieldwork friends!*



*Mesa Verde National Park*

Schedule and activities subject to change. Program activities can be modified to accommodate the cultural concerns of American Indian students.

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