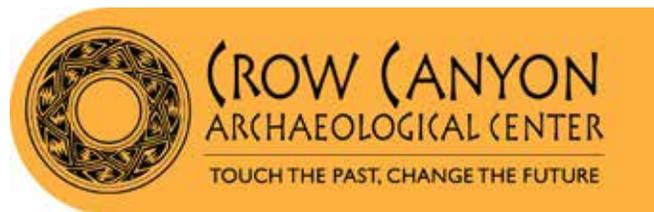


High School Archaeology Camp

July 14–20, 2019 | 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.

MONDAY

Your adventure in archaeology begins with a hands-on introduction to the 12,000-year human history of the Mesa Verde region in southwestern Colorado. You'll examine artifact replicas and draw on other archaeological evidence to construct a chronology of the Mesa Verde region. After lunch, we head out to the archaeological site for a tour of where you will excavate later in the week.

TUESDAY

This morning you will work in the archaeology laboratory, contributing to Crow Canyon's research by washing, identifying, and cataloging ancient artifacts recovered from one or more Crow Canyon excavation sites. It's a great way to learn how to recognize the different types of artifacts that are found at ancestral Pueblo sites, including pottery, stone tools, and animal bone. After lunch, you'll participate in a simulated excavation so you can practice the excavation techniques used by professional archaeologists.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

On both days, right after breakfast, we'll head out to the archaeological site, where you'll become a working member of Crow Canyon's field research team. Using the skills and techniques you learned earlier in the week, you will excavate at an ancient Pueblo village. As you dig, screen, map, and record your finds, you'll be contributing to our knowledge of the Pueblo Indian occupation in the region. Each afternoon, you'll return to campus to explore ancient technologies and lifestyles at the Pithouse Learning Center and the Pueblo Learning Center—try your hand at starting a fire with a bow drill,



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Learning to excavate



High school students document their finds in the field

making cordage out of plant fibers, and throwing a spear with an atlatl!

FRIDAY

A full-day guided tour of beautiful Mesa Verde National Park tops off the week's activities. You'll visit fascinating mesa-top sites and spectacular cliff dwellings that span more than 1,000 years of Pueblo history—a perfect way to recap all that you've learned during the week. After dinner, a wrap-up evening program and graduation party are our way of saying "thanks!" for your contributions to our research—and a chance for you to celebrate with new friends.

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	6:30 p.m.
Quiet time	9:30 p.m.–6:00 a.m.
Lights out	10:00 p.m.

Note: Every evening includes a structured activity led by a staff member or guest scholar.

All campus meals are served cafeteria-style in the lodge. Lunches in the field and at Mesa Verde National Park are served picnic-style.



Practicing throwing a spear with an atlatl



Fieldwork friends!



Exploring the cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde

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

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