

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 Bureau of Land Management (BLM), US Forest Service, and National Park Service. The CASSP web site is www.cassp.org

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

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 bring your own lunch or 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 to Beth Padon, Discovery Works Inc., 10591 Bloomfield Street, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 (or e-mail bpadon@discoveryworks.com or call 562-431-0300). Registrations for a specific workshop are due by the previous Monday. Because space is limited, you must register in advance.

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City, State, Zip
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