University of Oregon

2011 Archaeology Field School

Sheep Mountain (35HA3667) Schedule of Activities

**Week 1 June 20 – 24**

**June 20** – Meet at Moss Lab (1724 Moss St.) at 8:30 AM for departure to field camp. Load personal gear in U of O vehicles and hand out maps to those driving their own vehicles. The route we take will be this: From Moss Lab, take Franklin Boulevard traveling east (right) through Glenwood into Springfield, where it becomes Main St. Continue through Springfield until the road turns into Highway 126 and continue up the McKenzie River until 126 merges with Highway 20 to cross Santiam Pass. Highway 20 passes through Sisters and on to Bend (this first leg is a distance of 130 miles). In Bend, take the business route through town until reaching the Highway 20 turnoff (left) to Burns. There may be a stop in Bend to gather more students. Continue east on 20 to the Sheep Mt turnoff, then follow the site directions on the maps I have provided (the second leg is a distance of ca. 100 miles). We will regroup for a bit, then:

2:30 PM – begin setting up the community tents, equipment, and facilities. Once the infrastructure is in place, everyone can set up their own tents.

5:00 – prepare and eat supper and clean dishes.

**June 21** – Test Excavations begin at Sheep Mountain/Rondeau Lithic Workshop day 1

6:30 AM – Rise and shine!

Make breakfast, prepare lunches, bathroom rituals, etc.

7:45 – Assemble for introductory comments (breakfast and dinner crews, camp procedures, schedules) followed by site orientation. Half of the archaeology students will begin setting up excavation units, the other half will join Mike Rondeau at the community tents for a two day lithic analysis workshop.

9:00 – Begin pairing up, setting up excavation units and orientation to paperwork/lithic analysis workshop.

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch

4:30 – End of work day

5:00 – Supper detail gets started

6:00 – Supper
June 22 – Test excavations at Sheep Mountain/Rondeau Lithic Workshop 1, day 2

Schedule for the daily routine will be as follows:
6:30 – time to get rolling!
7:45 – Crew assembly
8:00 – work should be underway at site
12:00 – 12:30 – Lunch
4:30 – quitting time
5:00 – 6:00 supper preparation

June 23 – Test Excavations at Sheep Mountain/other half of crew joins Rondeau for lithic workshop session 2, day 1

June 24 – Test Excavations at Sheep Mountain/Rondeau lithic workshop day 2

Quit at 4:00 to return to Eugene. Those who wish to stay in camp over the weekend are welcome to. There are many incredible wildlife viewing/outdoor activities to take in. Please be back in camp by Sunday night and ready to work first thing Monday morning.

June 25 – 26 – Enjoy the weekend!

Week 2 June 27 – July 1

Work continues at Sheep Mountain with the establishment of block excavations (Phase 3) at locations identified during the 2010 work. Work will continue at Sheep Mountain the entire six weeks.

June 27 – July 1 Block Excavations at Sheep Mountain.

June 30 - 7:30 – 8:30 lecture by Rondeau: Fluted Point Finds on Burns District BLM Lands, Harney County, Oregon.

July 1 – Pack up at 2:00 to return to Eugene

July 2-4 - Enjoy your 4th of July weekend!

Week 3 July 5 – 8

Block excavations continue at Sheep Mountain.


July 8 – Catalog Day
July 9-10 – Two days off

**Week 4 July 11 – 15**

Block excavations continue at Sheep Mountain.

**July 13** – 2nd Annual George McJunkin Appreciation Party, beginning at 4:00

**July 14** – 7:30 – 8:30 lecture by Lyons: Techniques of Geoarchaeological Analysis

**July 16 – 17** – Two days off

**Week 5 July 18 – 22**

Data recovery excavations at Sheep Mountain.

**July 21** - 7:30 – 8:30 lecture by Thomas: The Burns Paleo-point Inventory Project

**July 23 – 24** – Two days off

**Week 6 July 25 – 29**

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All efforts will be focused on wrapping up the excavations at Sheep Mountain this week. Excavation work and backfilling will occur from Monday through Wednesday.

**July 28 - Catalog Day**

**July 29** – Go home and seek employment as semi-professional archaeologists

The first rule of an archaeologist is to always be flexible, and that applies to the schedule above as well! All of the activities listed above are somewhat tentative, depending on site discoveries and weather conditions. The same is true for the lectures. We will have a variety of experts on site at various times and they will be shamelessly called upon to give presentations at a moment’s notice – the price of accepting our warm hospitality and free chow.