

2010 Field Schools – Who's Where, Doing What?

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Several field schools will be taking place this summer in British Columbia, including:

SFU and Tla'Amin First Nation on the Sunshine Coast

In June and July 2010, Simon Fraser University and Tla'Amin First Nation will embark on the third year of a collaborative heritage program focused on both the Tla'Amin Reserve on the Sunshine Coast and the Malaspina Complex, in the heart of Tla'Amin First Nation Territory. The project will be conducted in the context of SFU's summer field school as well as elder and youth programs being conducted by the Tla'Amin. On the SFU side, the project will be directed by Dana Lepofsky and John R. Welch. As community consultations concerning every aspect of the project will continue to unfold, the effort is being guided by commitments to people, place, learning, and capacity building. In the past, this involved talking in elementary school classes, touring people of all ages around sites, hosting "Community Days" where people are invited to work with us in the field, and talking to the media. SFU looks forward to another season working in the Tla'Amin community; more information about the project can be found here: http://www.sfu.ca/archaeology/fieldschools/2010_malaspina.html

Musqueam-UBC Collaboration Continues

UBC's Department of Anthropology and the Musqueam Indian Band have jointly conducted an undergraduate archaeological field course since 2007, and will be continuing this program in 2010. The field school will provide students with archaeological experience and instruction while working in consultation with First Nation officials, elders, and community members, focusing on Musqueam history with research conducted on Musqueam territory. Running from May to June, the field school may entail an excavation project

that focuses on a wetsite and village dating to the past 1500 years. More information can be found here: <http://www.anth.ubc.ca/index.php?id=3332>

Capilano University Revisits North Vancouver

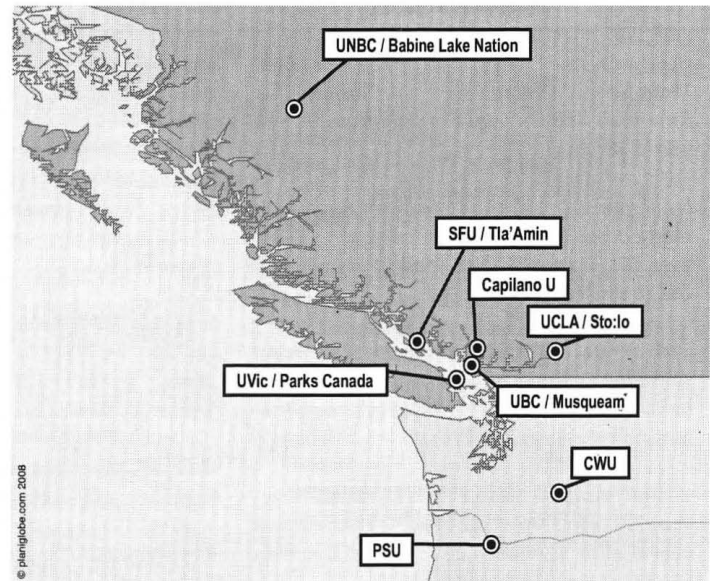
The 2010 archaeology field school runs from May 10th - June 25th in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve, only a few km from Capilano University. The majority of time in the field will be spent excavating one or more sites from the early 1900s. Time will also be spent looking for and recording other sites in the reserve. (Bob Muckle reported on the 2009 Field School in *The Midden* 41[3]). We look forward to hearing the results of yet another exciting summer from Capilano; <http://www.capilanou.ca/programs/archaeology/Archaeology-Field-School.html>

UVic in the Gulf Islands

The University of Victoria, in conjunction with Parks Canada and with the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group, will run a field school in the southern Gulf Islands, where a variety of small projects related to Cultural Resource Management will be undertaken. The project will focus on culture history and topical issues of the region as well as the applied training of students through field work in Cultural Resource Management-style archaeology. Project website is here: http://anthropology.uvic.ca/undergraduate/field_schools_current.php

Lake Babine Nation and UNBC

The UNBC Anthropology Program



and the Lake Babine Nation are pleased to offer an archaeology field school during the summer of 2010. This is one of the most scenic regions in the province, with plentiful wildlife and history, also renowned for its world class fishing opportunities. Project information can be found here: http://www.unbc.ca/anthropology/field_schools_-_anth/afs/afs_2010/index.html

UCLA's Welqamex Household Archaeological Research Project

Located in beautiful southwestern British Columbia, the Welqamex Household Archaeological Research Project focuses on questions concerning the emergence of complex political institutions and inter-community relations within the last 500 years of aboriginal history. This is a culturally immersive field school experience in which students live, work, and interact with a descendent Stó:lō community. We work closely with our collaborators at the Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre, who place priority on expanding student knowledge-base and frame of reference through direct experience with Stó:lō history. Supervised by Anthony Graesch and Dave Schaepe, this field school will run from June through July; more information can be found on the

project website here, <http://www.archaeology.ucla.edu/programs/north-america/british-columbia-welqamex-archaeological-research-project>

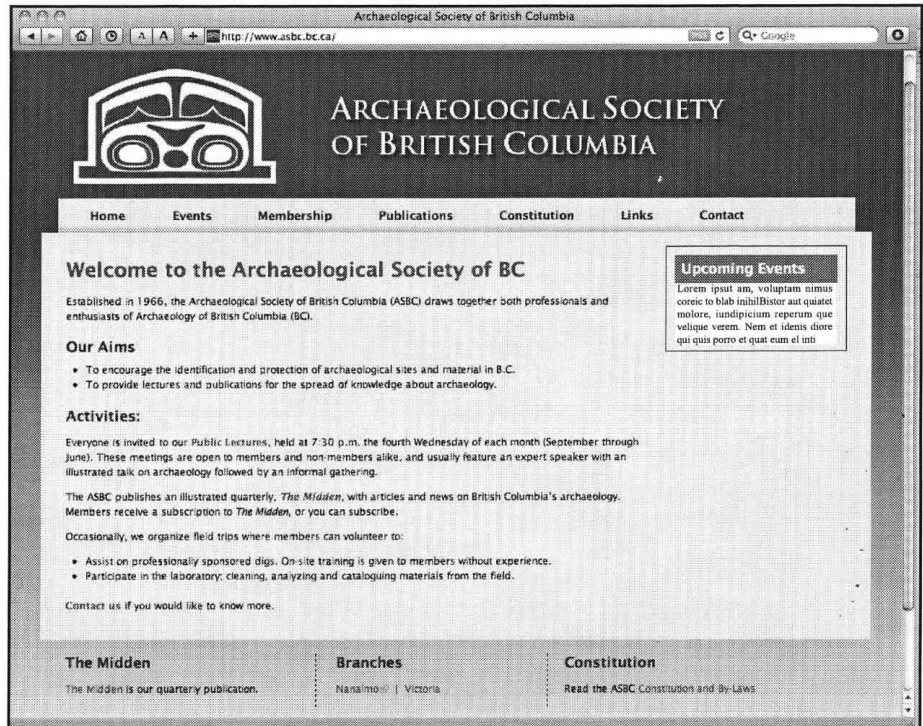
Turning to our neighbours to the south, a brief look at some of the American field schools taking place in the coastal and plateau regions:

Fort Vancouver Public Archaeology Project

Portland State University, Washington State University Vancouver, the National Park Service, Northwest Cultural Resources Institute, and the Fort Vancouver National Trust are hosting a field school in historical archaeology at Fort Vancouver's multicultural Village (also known as "Kanaka Village"), the largest settlement in the Pacific Northwest in the 1830s and 1840s, and home to people from all over the world and the Pacific Northwest. The field school will provide a means to recapture the history of this multicultural worker's village and to engage the modern Portland/Vancouver area in the unique history of their closest National Park site. For more information visit: <http://wadahp.wordpress.com/2010/02/22/2010-public-archaeology-field-school/>

CWU at Wenas Creek

The Wenas Creek Mammoth Project is a Central Washington University investigation of mammoth bones found on private land in the Wenas Creek Valley near Selah, Washington. The investigation is interdisciplinary, using methods from paleontology, archaeology, and geography, with the goal of recovering bones and associated artifacts, while placing the finds into appropriate context of physical geography. Information on the 2010 field school can be found here: <http://www.cwu.edu/~mammoth/mammoth2008/opportunities.html>



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