

Junior Archaeology Field School

For archaeologists, a “Field School” is where collage/university students go to learn about the excavation and survey part of archaeology.

Our Junior Archaeology Field School is a four hour field trip where elementary, middle and high school students can learn about what archeologists do in the “field.”

When your class arrives they will spend an hour and a half learning about how archaeologists learn about the past. They will learn the difference between observation and inference, the importance of context and about forming a hypothesis.

Then they will spend an hour or more excavating in one of our mock archaeological sites. After the excavation they will analyze what they find and build a hypothesis about what people were doing,



In Oak Glen, California - 909 790-5853

Our sites

Between Coast & Desert: Yukaipa't , CA-SBr-004e

This simulated archaeological site is based on the Indian village that gave the city of Yucaipa its name. The village of Yukaip'at was on the trade routes from the desert to the Pacific coast. What goods did its people gather and trade with others? **Your students will discover a piece of past before California was California.**



Brush Roundhouse
from the Bancroft Library, California
Archive - University of California

Gold Mountain, CA-SBr 005eh

In the nineteenth century, California was known as “Gold Mountain” to the men who came to earn money for their families in China. Some came for the Gold Rush. Many came and provided much of the labor to build railways, irrigation systems and plant some of the first citrus groves. **By excavating this simulated archaeological site, your students will investigate an important chapter in US History.**



CHINESE MINE CAMP IN THE SIERRA

Archaeology: It's not about what you find. It's about what you find out!