

STUDY of ANCIENT LIFEWAYS and TECHNOLOGIES

S.A.L.T. MISSION STATEMENT

S.A.L.T.'s primary goal is to understand, practice and share all life skills and arts of the ancient world.
This is accomplished by regular Skills Meetings and informing the public through various Events.



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NOVEMBER 2025

S.A.L.T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

10 am - 2 pm

at S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM

S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS / DRUMMING CIRCLE 9am

S.A.L.T. SKILL #4 TOOLS

**Bone Needles & Bone Awls
with Ron Moses**

S.A.L.T. Quarterly Board Meeting after Skills Class

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday, December 20th SKILLS MEETING at SVM

S.A.L.T.'S 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

**S.A.L.T. Holiday Party, Curry Potluck, White
Mammoth Gift Exchange**

S.A.L.T. SKILL #19 ATLATLS – Make an Atlatl

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR S.A.L.T. SHIRTS
TO ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS!**

“SENDING THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE”



S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM



in English it is “Central
Platform Mound.”

**Pronounced:
SUE DOVE VE AWKEY**

S'EDAV VA'AKI Museum
(Pueblo Grande Museum) is an
archaeological site once
inhabited by the Hohokam culture,

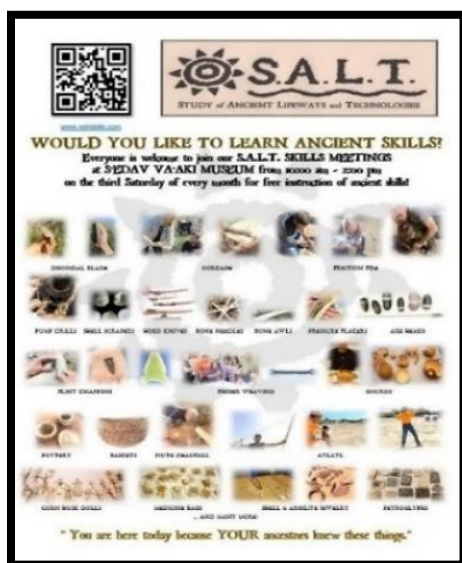
just east of downtown Phoenix, next to Sky Harbor International Airport. It's a
National Historic Landmark and Phoenix Point of Pride accessible by the Sky
Train and the Light Rail. Now part of the City of Phoenix Arts & Culture
Department, it's the largest preserved archaeological site in Phoenix.



**“Unless there is CONTEXT,
it's all arts and crafts.”**

Steve Watts

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DON'T MISS THE NOV. 2025 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING SATURDAY, NOV. 15th 10 am - 2 pm

**S.A.L.T. FLINT KNAPPERS and the S.A.L.T.
DRUMMING CIRCLE will meet at 9 am**

S.A.L.T. Quarterly Board Meeting after Skills Class

S.A.L.T. SKILL #4 TOOLS

Bone Needles & Bone Awls with Ron Moses

Join us for a workshop exploring the process of making basic "First Tools" from animal bones. Learn how to make bone needles and awls, like those used by ancient peoples for thousands of years. This is a hands-on opportunity covering:

- How bone needles and awls changed the ancient world
- Sourcing and selecting bones for tool projects.
- Methods for creating bone blanks
- Making the eye of the needle
- Bone shaping, polishing, and preserving.

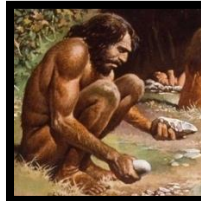


LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3 INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...

SKILL	Apprentice Level Level I	Apprentice Level Level II	Apprentice Level Level III
1. Cutting Tool	Make a flake and Discoidal Blade	Make flakes from three different rocks and refine the tools	Demonstrate a use or project with the tool
2. Cordage	Make a uniform 3 foot length of cordage	Process three different fibers and make cordage	Demonstrate a use or project with the cordage
3. Friction Fire	Demonstrate one method of primitive fire starting	Forage for materials, construct hand drill or bow drill and make fire	Make a complete Fire Kit to use and display

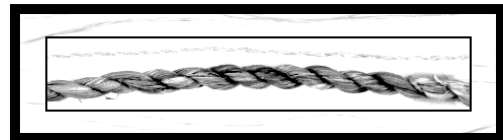
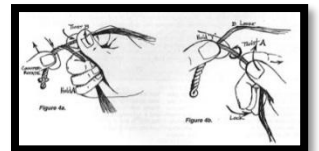
SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

Make a flake and discoidal blade.



SKILL #2 CORDAGE: Level I

Make a uniform 3-foot length of cordage.



SKILL #3 FRICTION FIRE: Level I

Demonstrate one method of primitive fire starting.



(Beads will be given out to new members when Level I of all three of the above Membership Requirement Skills are completed, and dues are paid.)

Remember to bring your own primitive tools and materials to the Monthly Skill Meetings, if you have them. Materials for the Membership Requirement Skills are provided at each meeting for guests and new members.

Also, you are responsible to sign in at meetings and events to be included in the newsletters, etc. and note on the sign-in sheet each level of each skill you complete to be awarded your beads. You need to make a Personal Bead to receive the leather thong for your Skill Beads. Thanks!

OCTOBER 2025 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Board Members in attendance: Charlie Tadano, Ron & Donna Moses, Laura Robins, Bob & Carol Sizemore, Peter Huegel, and Justn Sowden

Members in attendance: Mari & Dalen Townsend, Billy & Reena Nickel, Carol Schroeter, Linda Jolle, Carlos Acuna, Joe Hodges, Alec Sowden, Sam Sargent

S.A.L.T. DISPLAYS, DEMOS & ATLATL RANGE for INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY!



Laura



The Mammoth Hunting License



Justin, Peter, and Reena teaching Atlatl



Alec Sowden hit the target many times!



Reena



Carol



DISPLAYS & DEMOS



Bob & Billy



Reena, Mari, Bob, and Laura



Ron, Joe (great to see you), and Billy



Linda



Ron, Carlos, and Donna



Bob, Billy, Mari and Reena



Ron



Sam, Dalen, and Donna



Dalen demoing and teaching the Bow Drill



Mari brought a Mano & Metate for Corn Grinding



S.A.L.T. MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

SUN CITY ROCK ART MUSEUM 35th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION by Peter Huegel

"The Sun City Rockhounds are very excited to celebrate the Mineral Museum's 35th anniversary. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, from 9 AM to 2 PM. The museum has undergone extensive renovation this summer with changes in several displays. As a club, we are grateful for the contributions S.A.L.T. has made to the club and the museum itself. Should your schedule allow, please stop by to join us in honoring this special occasion."

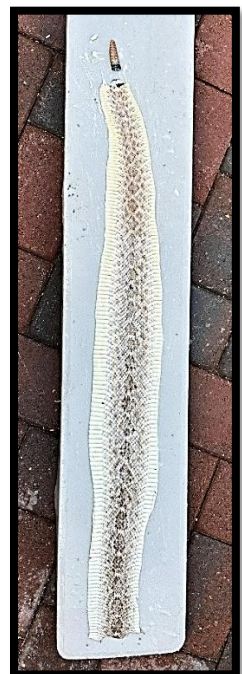


Carlos, Charlie, Peter and Laura

S.A.L.T. MEMBERS PROJECT / INFO GALLERY

DISPATCHING A RATTLE SNAKE by Tom Wax

Last Friday night after coming home from date night, we had a little over 3 ft. Western Diamondback Rattlesnake near our front door and garage door. Needless to say, it became a dead snake and became a good skin to make something with it, a hatband, wallet, etc. The only good poisonous snake around my house is a dead one!! If it was nonpoisonous, I would have taken it out in the desert nearby and released it.

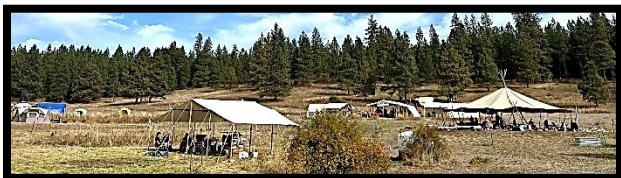




FALL CAMP for ANCESTRAL SKILLS October 9 - 12, 2025

[Fall Camp Website](#)

Fall Camp 2025 just wrapped. What an amazing time spent with a lovely group of people. I feel fortunate to be able to facilitate these events and to count many who attend as friends and family! Here is a smattering of pictures of some of the goings on. - Patrick



《 》 BETWEEN THE RIVERS GATHERING 《 》

May 25th – 30th, 2026



[Email Mullein HERE with any further questions](#)

Between the Rivers Gathering is a week-long educational workshop for learning skills that originated in the stone-age all the way up to modern homesteading. We are an annual event located in Washington State about an hour north of Spokane. We will have a multitude of instructors offering a broad-range of classes all week long. Included will be wilderness survival skills of all kind, basic and homespun living, preparedness and skills of a practical and archeological nature.

We offer hands-on classes in ancestral living and survival, and we also focus on the skills of self-sufficiency and sustainable living to minimize our impact on this planet we all share. Come join our community and experience for yourself what an ancestral skills gathering is all about!

Ancestral Skills for Self-Sufficiency
Sponsored by Bridges to the Past 501(c)(3)
Northeastern Washington State Ancestral Skills & Self-Sufficiency Gathering

Other [Skills Gatherings](#)

[BtR T-Shirt](#)

Burning questions that can't wait? Contact us: patrickf@bridgestothepast.org

betweentheriversgathering.com

Hi folks, I'll be renting furnished and unfurnished Yurts and Bell tents again this year. Included is a community Kitchen yurt or shade cloud to store your cooler and will also include cooking tables, stoves & pans etc.

See between the river's website for more info.

Prices for the whole week are \$300 unfurnished, \$400 furnished. Call or email CampingYurts.com

BTR LOGO HATS ARE AVAILABLE!



Kandis Larson is making Between the Rivers Gathering Logo Hats and making them available to you! Each hat has a leather patch branded with our BTR logo that we have all grown to love, no two are alike, and have a primitive touch to them.

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IMAGINE US IN THE STONE AGE





38TH RABBITSTICK

in Rexburg, Idaho

SEPTEMBER 13 – 19, 2026

Rabbitstick Primitive Skills Gathering, held the 3rd week of September in ID, is the premier Backtracks event. Rabbitstick is the oldest of all of the modern primitive skills events and has been the model for most of the events currently running worldwide. Each year we host nearly 150 instructional and support staff who provide a camp with hands-on classes that run 9am-5pm for 5 days for about 400 registered participants. This is an unparalleled opportunity to learn skills and get to know teachers that you can trust. Visit our new website -5- for complete event and registration details.

Backtracks has assembled one of the largest and most complete rosters of primitive skills teachers and practitioners available anywhere. Backtracks is your source for the best instructional staff you'll find at any event. **Join us next year!**

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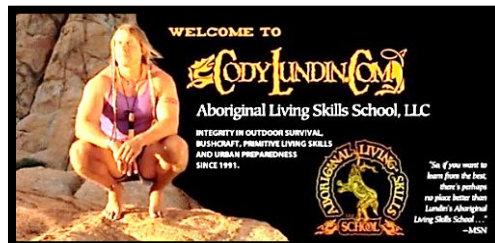


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"Knowledge is not complete until it is passed on." Steve Watts

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Dear RMS family & friends,
 ~ Live What You Love ~

All classes held at Reeves Mountain School include hearty meals fresh from the homestead, class supplies, hot showers, and campsite. Camping is free, or stay in a yurpee (\$10 per night per person), single cabin (\$25 per night, sleeps 1), or double cabin (\$50 per night, sleeps 1-2+), availability permitting. We provide complimentary shuttle service from Roosevelt, AZ, or caravan in your own 4X4. Shuttle pickup is at 4 p.m., first day of class.

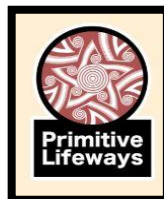
Please see our [website](#) to enroll and to get more information Sign up online!

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Blessings, Peter Bigfoot & the RMS Interns



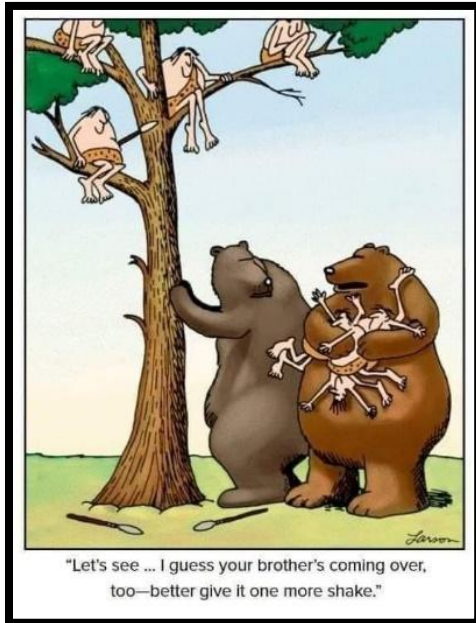
Visit the Primitive Lifeways Store!

The Primitive Lifeways store is up and running. This month we are featuring new merchandise including beautifully crafted prehistoric replica pottery and jewelry. We are still selling stickers for less than a cup of coffee at Starbucks. By purchasing our new merchandise, you are helping us educate the public on archaeological preservation and the sharing of free information.

[Click Here](#) to visit our store.

Jeff Martin

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ATTENTION

S.A.L.T. Members and Associates!

Please send in pictures and articles for this newsletter! Send in information on projects you are working on, information you have found on primitive skills, pictures from trips to archaeological sites, etc.

Send it to saltskills@gmail.com



STONE AGE TECHNOLOGY FROM PRIMITIVE WAYS

ALSO, THINK ABOUT TEACHING ONE OF OUR SKILLS CLASSES!

Contact Charlie Tadano at 602-524-6910

MEMBERSHIP DUES

SINGLE \$20.00 or FAMILY \$40.00

Please pay at a Skills Meeting!

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