

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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S.A.L.T. e-NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

S.A.L.T. CALENDAR

NEXT S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th

10 am – 2 pm

at Tom Wax's House in Tucson

call 520-340-0025 for directions to his house

S.A.L.T. Quarterly Board Meeting after Skills Class
(Remember to bring something for the Potluck Brunch!)

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

S.A.L.T. SKILL #3 FRICTION FIRE

Make a Bow Drill Kit, Knots & Cordage

with Tom Wax

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday, September 20th SKILLS MEETING
at TBD S.A.L.T. SKILL # TBD

Saturday, October 18th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T.'S 25th ANNIVERSARY!
International Archaeology Day
S.A.L.T. SKILL #19 ATLATLS – Make an Atlatl

Saturday, November 15th SKILLS MEETING at SVM
S.A.L.T. SKILL # TBD
S.A.L.T. Quarterly Board Meeting after Skills Class

**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



**WILL BE CLOSED FROM MAY 20th
to late SEPTEMBER for renovations.**

S.A.L.T. will be back at SVM on October 18th for International Archaeology Day and to celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

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

Steve Watts

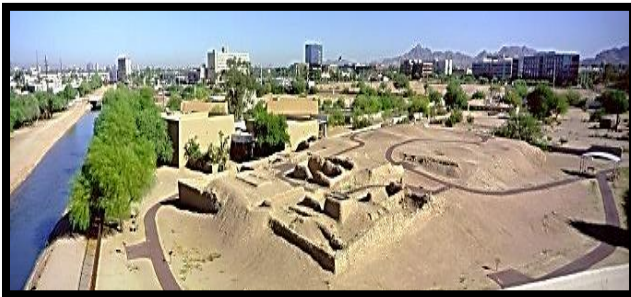
S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM



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.



4619 E. Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85034 (602) 495-0901

Committed [S'edav Va'aki Museum Indian Market](#) volunteers gathered for the continued planning of the upcoming 2025 [S'edav Va'aki Museum - formerly Pueblo Grande Museum](#) Indian Market. Save the date and artists get your application in. December 13 & 14, 2025, Phoenix Arizona. Follow the websites for updates and volunteer opportunities. We need volunteers to ensure a successful event.

<https://www.svmfoundation.org/volunteersmakeadifference>

SAVE THE DATE for 2025!

**48th Annual
S'edav Va'aki Museum
Indian Market
Young Artist Market
formerly Pueblo Grande Indian Market**

December 13 & 14, 2025

S'edav Va'aki Museum
4619 E. Washington St.
Phoenix AZ 85034

FOR EMAIL LIST FOR UPDATES! EMAIL MARKET@SVMFUNDATION.ORG
ARTIST REGISTRATION AT WWW.SVMFOUNDATION.ORG
ARTISTS, PLEASE GET ON THE EMAIL LIST:
IMARTIST@SVMFUNDATION.ORG
OR TEXT/VOICEMAIL: 623-335-2695

Friends of Hubbell

Native American Arts

AUCTION!

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Collect the world's classic art forms. Approximately 400 vintage and contemporary Navajo Weavings, Katsina Dolls, Jewelry, Baskets, and Silversmith Works will be available.

The Auction will follow current CDC and New Mexico Dept. of Health COVID guidelines currently in effect.
Masks may be necessary.

Auction Preview:
9:00 – 11:30 am MST

Auction:
Noon – 5:00 pm MST

Free to the Public
No admission charge
No Buyer registration fee
All CC Accepted
**PROCEEDS BENEFIT & SUPPORT
NATIVE AMERICAN COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS**

friendsofhubbelauction@gmail.com

Location
McKinley County Community Center
410 Bataan Veterans Street
Gallup, New Mexico 87301
505-722-9230

Exit 22 From I-40, Free parking

"Primitive (first) skills are our shared inheritance. It is the shared thread which links us to our prehistory and binds us together as human beings." Steve Watts

S.A.L.T.
STUDY OF ANCIENT LIFEWAYS and TECHNOLOGIES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ANCIENT SKILLS?
Everyone is welcome to join our S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETINGS at SEDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on the third Saturday of every month for free instruction of ancient skills

*** You are here today because YOUR ancestors knew these things.***



DON'T MISS THE AUG 2025 S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING SATURDAY, AUG 16th 10 am - 2 pm

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

S.A.L.T. SKILL #3 FRICTION FIRE

**Make a Bow Drill Kit, Knots & Cordage
with Tom Wax**

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

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
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

Everyone, please bring a knife and a pecking hammer stone if you have one. Also, if you have a fresh, slightly curved tree branch about 14" to 18" long about the thickness of your thumb. We will peck a divot for the bow drill socket and also learn how to make 4-ply cordage for the bow drill string.

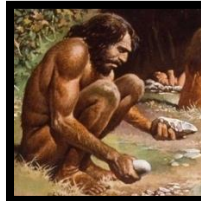


LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3 INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice 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
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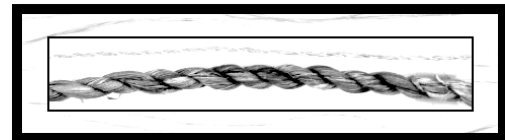
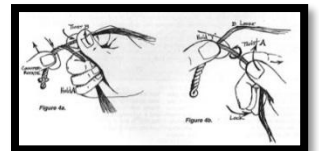
SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I

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!

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

Saturday, July 19, 2025

THE JULY S.A.L.T. MEETING WAS CANCELED!

JULY S.A.L.T. FIELDTRIP/PARADE in Heber/Overgaard, AZ

July 4 – 6, 2025



This may not be our typical SALT event but it sure is exciting. The theme for our 2025 July 4th float in the Heber Overgaard parade was Earth Mother in her Garden with a nod to our on-board drummers.



This community hosted and sponsored event in the small towns of Heber Overgaard is a real slice of Americana.



Dalen safely towed our float along the parade route with Jim Britton riding shotgun and heading up security and overwatch.



On board and drumming were Jane, Chrissy, and Brixton from Drummers of the Purple Sage; Marie Britton, State President of the Arizona Archeological Society; Charlie, Tamara, and Laura from SALT; and me, a member of every aforementioned group.



There are not many rules for entering a float in this parade as long as the emphasis is on FUN. We received a lot of compliments along the way, so we are calling this Mission: Accomplished.



I hope you enjoy these photos of a super fun event. – Mari Townsend

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

ARIZONA KNAPPERS SUMMER KNAP-IN 7/12/25 by Bill Warner



Had a wonderful day in the cool pines at the Arizona Knapper's knap-in on top of Mingus Mountain today. Several people brought far more rock than could possibly be knapped, but that didn't stop us from trying. Half the crew showed up as much as 2.5 hours early and were busy chipping away when I arrived a half hour early to set up!

And, a flock of young turkeys kept walking around us and feeding within about 15 yards of where we were knapping and gabbing!



A brief light rain cooled things off around 5:00 pm and we finally shut down around 6:30 to retire for some excellent BBQ down the hill in Prescott Valley.



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

LEATHER POUCH by Tom Wax and Noah

Just a spur of the moment thing you can do with kids is to make leather pouch. Noah (5 years old) learned how to punch holes in leather, sew, cut with scissors , etc. making a possible's bag. Gives the kids something they can do in primitive skills.



PARFLECHE INFO by Ron Moses



What is Parfleche? Parfleche is a tough, un-tanned animal hide—traditionally made from buffalo—soaked in lye and water to remove the hair, then stretched and dried. Indigenous peoples of the Plains and Northwest used parfleche to craft shields, drums, and most commonly, decorated carrying cases, which also came to be called parfleches.

These durable, beautifully painted cases were essential for travel and storage—and remain a striking example of Native artistry and utility.

Want to learn more?

Plan your visit today <https://aktalakota.stjo.org/visit/>
[#Parfleche](#) [#NativeArt](#) [#PlainsCulture](#)
[#AktáLakotaMuseum](#) [#FAQFriday](#) [#LakotaHistory](#)
[#CulturalPreservation](#)

ANCIENT SW POTTERY CONFERENCE INFO by Bill Warner



Per [Andy Ward's](#) suggestion, any of our members interested in reproducing ancient SW pottery should definitely check out the SW Kiln Conference <https://www.swkiln.com/> which will be held in Arizona (Safford) for the first time in several years, on October 16-19. This year's will be the fourth one I will attend, and they are always interesting, a load of fun, and will put you in contact with many of the talented potters interested in turning mud into something beautiful and useful "from scratch." The event includes presentations, a tour of the incredible Mills Collection--one of the better public displays of Salado polychrome (red/white/black) pottery--and even trips to collect some local clays that have proven to be good. "Kiln" (these are outdoor trench kilns or surface firings) set-up is Saturday morning, with additional demos that afternoon catered dinner & trade blanket (which is a ton of fun) that evening. Sunday morning will include surface oxidation firings and opening of the reduction-firings from the day before. For a schedule of the talks, see: <https://mailchi.mp/.../sw-kiln-conference-registration...>

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



37TH RABBITSTICK

in Rexburg, Idaho

SEPTEMBER 14 – 20, 2025

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!**

www.rabbitstick.com

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<https://www.facebook.com/Backtracks-Keeping-Traditions-Alive-213565755397099/?fref=Nf>



FALL CAMP for ANCESTRAL SKILLS October 9 - 12, 2025

Instructors:

Please check in with Patrick if you would like to teach.

[Email Patrick HERE](#)

[Fall Camp Website](#)



WINTER COUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

FEBRUARY 15-21, 2026

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Winter Count, (started 1995), is part of a family of gatherings that strive to reconnect people with old ways of making fire, tanning hides, forming metal, weaving baskets, hunting, gathering and much more. We teach ancestral skills that were essential to the survival and well-being of all cultures, no matter what continent your ancestors came from. Through the understanding and mastery of these skills, people find that they can connect not only to a simpler way of living life but also to the roots of their heritage and to a pathway to interact more deeply with the natural world.

We provide a camp with some of the best instructors in their fields, teaching what they have learned through experience, experimentation and through source materials. Some of the instructors have spent many years perfecting their crafts. Some have managed archeological sites while others have lived deeply among the wild places, hunting, raising their own food and making their own clothing and tools from the most basic elements. We are a diverse group of people from many experiences, opinions, and family backgrounds, who come together to share what it is that makes us excited about life.

Winter Count is a drug, alcohol, and firearm free event.

Winter Count 505-570-9484

369 Montezuma Avenue, #326, Santa Fe, NM 87501

WinterCountCamp@gmail.com

www.WinterCountCamp.com

PRESCOTT PRIMITIVE LIVING SKILLS Prescott, Arizona

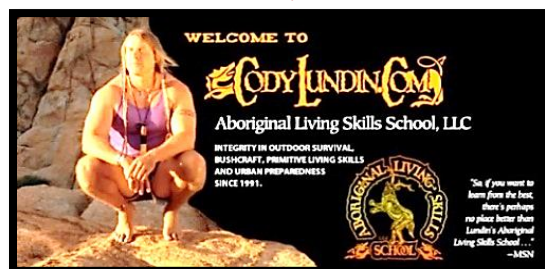
Check out Kiowa Sage on Facebook!

Hello friends! It's Kiowa Sage! I started a local meetup group to teach courses on primitive living skills, nature awareness and outdoor survival skills - all of which I've been training in for many years. All classes ranging from two hour workshops, day long classes and multiple day immersion courses. Skills and knowledge bases such as making fire with sticks, edible and medicinal plants, animal trapping and tracking, fiber arts and weaving, basic outdoor survival skills and how to do more with less in the outdoors. Right now I only have a couple classes listed until I acquire more traffic. Check out some of the listings that are available! www.meetup.com

Watch for new listings of classes that are offered, and there will be more to come!

-Kiowa Sage

THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE LESS YOU NEED



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《 》 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
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**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



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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

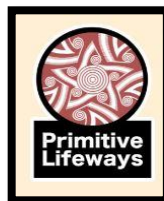
Sign up online!

www.reevismountain.org/classes

Order all your favorite Reeves Mountain Remedies online!

www.reevismountain.org/country-store

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

Jeff@primitivelifeways.com

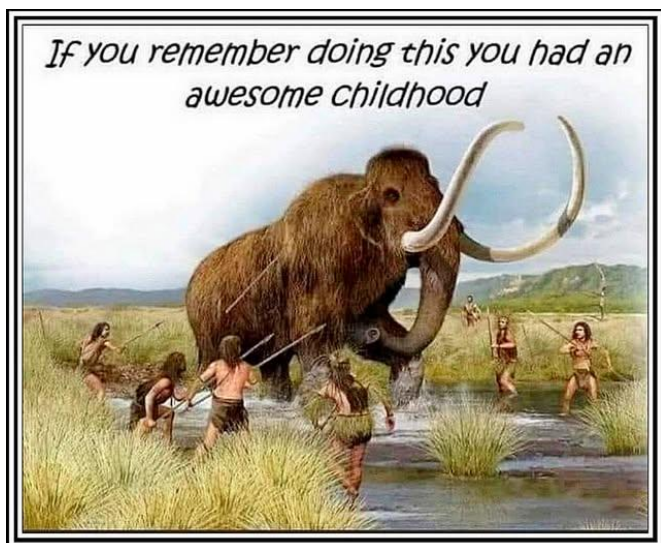
Volunteers Needed for City of Phoenix Park Steward Program



The City of Phoenix Park Steward Program is looking for volunteers to help maintain, clean, and preserve our trails. Help make a difference in your community!

Visit volunteer.phoenix.gov to apply or

reach out to 602-495-5458 for more information on how to get involved!



2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

SINGLE \$20.00 or FAMILY \$40.00

Please pay at a Skills Meeting or mail them to
S.A.L.T. Treasurer,

TAMARA TADANO

12840 N. 45th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85304

Please make the check out to Tamara Tadano

Or Zelle Tamara at 602-920-8228

S.A.L.T. MEMBERSHIP ITEMS

The Tan "Fishing Shirt" Style S.A.L.T. Membership Shirts are available by pre-order. Please contact Charlie Tadano to order your Shirt at 602-524-6910

NEW BLACK S.A.L.T. T-SHIRTS, LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS, HOODIES



And NEW LEATHER S.A.L.T. PATCHES are available!

(Special pricing for members) S.A.L.T. PATCHES \$5.00
(Memberships receive one free)

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

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