

Oregon State University, Department of Anthropology
SUMMER 2017 ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL
July 3 through August 23
Fort Yamhill Archaeological Site

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

OSU ID# (if applicable) _____

Education (Institution, dates, major, degrees):

Archaeological Experience: *

Anthropology Course Work: *

Additional Comments:

Date _____ Signature _____

Please mail or email application to:

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*** The field school is open to anyone (not just Anthropology majors) and no prior archaeological experience is expected.**

Please return form to Dr. Brauner by June 15, 2017



2017 OSU HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL

Fort Yamhill State Park, Oregon

This summer we will be conducting full excavations of the hospital at Fort Yamhill, a military fort that was in operation from 1856 to 1866. Located just one-hour north of Corvallis, Fort Yamhill offers the opportunity to learn advanced archaeological excavations techniques right in our own backyard! Students will also learn more about the presence and impact of the Civil War in Oregon and military medical practices in the Pacific Northwest.

Enrolled students will learn how to conduct archaeological excavations, identify historical materials, and learn artifact cleaning and curation techniques that are essential for a career in archaeology. Students are not required to have any previous experience, anyone may apply. Transportation to the site will be provided daily.

For more information, visit: <http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/field-schools>

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**JUL 3 - AUG 23
8 WEEKS**

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WORK EXPERIENCE!**

**LEARN
ARCHAEOLOGICAL
EXCAVATION
TECHNIQUES!**

**LEARN HISTORICAL
MATERIAL
IDENTIFICATION AND
LAB METHODS!**

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF FORT YAMHILL

Fort Yamhill was established in August 1856 as one of three forts designed to protect and monitor the newly established coastal Native American reservation. In addition to Fort Yamhill, the other forts, Fort Hoskins (twenty minutes west of Corvallis) and Fort Umpqua (built near the mouth of the Umpqua River), guarded the eastern and southern boundaries of the reservation. The men stationed at these forts were charged with monitoring traffic in and out of the reservation and keeping the Native Americans within the reservation boundary. From 1856 to October 1861, the fort was manned by the U.S. Army. However, when the Civil War began, these men were sent back east and were replaced by volunteer regiments from California and Oregon, which occupied the fort until its abandonment in June 1866.

Fort Yamhill was the largest of the three forts, having a garrison strength of 124 enlisted men at its peak. The fort consisted of numerous buildings, including six officer's quarters, company quarters, a hospital, stables, a blacksmith's shop, and the sutler's store, among others. This summer we will be continuing excavations at the hospital after finding its location during the 2016 field season. Excavations will be focused on further identifying the layout of the structure as well as information about its construction. Artifacts will reflect military medical practices at the fort and the operation of the hospital, as well as fort health conditions. Currently, there is little known about the military medical practices of this era in the Pacific Northwest, meaning that these excavations and the resulting analysis will be some of the first of their kind.





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Transportation will be provided to and from the site each day, leaving from OSU
- The field school will operate on a Monday through Friday schedule
- We will leave Corvallis at 7am and begin moving dirt at 8:15am, with a half hour lunch break at noon, clean up at 3:30pm and back to OSU by 5pm
- This schedule may be altered depending on weather
- Restroom facilities and running water are available (no showers)
- There is no formal campground at Fort Yamhill Heritage Area but the park has set aside an area where you can put up a tent if you choose
- Food and camping gear will not be provided
- We will not be meeting on July 4th
- Proper attire should consist of layers suitable for cold mornings and hot afternoons, and smooth soled, closed toed shoes
- Bees and poison oak are present at the site
- Those planning on attending the field school should purchase a number 5 or 6 Marshalltown pointing trowel and a metric/inch tape measure at least 3 meters/10 feet long
- Students can register online through OSU beginning April 16th but will also need to fill out the accompanying application
- Non-OSU students should contact Loretta Wardrip (541 737-4515) or E-mail lwardrip@oregonstate.edu before registering

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