



JACKSON HOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

LINN RANCH ARCHAEOLOGY CAMP



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THE LINN CANYON RANCH:



The Linn Canyon Ranch, a family owned business, serves as a base for horseback riding and backcountry adventures in the Teton Valley and Range. They are known for their western hospitality, beautiful location, and deep local knowledge. Accommodations at the ranch include luxury 'glamping' tents as well as a two-person log cabin (these can be reserved at additional cost). The Linns have decided to host public archaeology camps at the ranch which is the perfect combination of a traditional Western vacation and historical exploration!

For more info see: <http://linncanyonranch.com/>

THE LINN SITE:



Archaeologists Rebecca Sgouros and Matt Stirn from the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum have been excavating a 10,000 year old prehistoric campsite on the Linn Ranch since 2014. Artifacts found by the Linn family and by the excavations suggest that this site had been occupied seasonally over the last 10,000 years. Participate in an active archaeological excavation and help us to uncover the rich history of the area. This camp is available to all ages (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult) and is designed as a 7-day program. While single or multi-day participation can be accommodated we strongly encourage you to sign up for the entire week.

The artifacts from this site have been collected from the surface or through professional excavation. They are the property of the Linn Family and are never sold. The artifacts remain on the ranch so that they can be preserved and used to teach students and visitors about the area's rich cultural history. Thanks to the entire Linn Family for their generosity in sharing their ranch and this amazing archaeological site with the community. If it was not for their interest in cultural preservation and desire to study their site slowly and scientifically, this unique opportunity would not exist.

Don't let the fun and learning stop on Sunday night—books and DVDs on Native history, culture or archaeology, and beautiful handmade replica artifacts will be available for purchase all week.

ACTIVITIES:

The daily schedule will include 3 meals (optional) and daily activities including archaeological excavation and analysis, traditional Native crafts, and local field trips.

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast Offered by Linn Canyon Ranch (\$10 supplement)

12:30-1:30 pm Lunch provided by Linn Canyon Ranch

5:30 pm Cocktails (BYOB) followed by Dinner Offered by Linn Canyon Ranch (\$30 supplement)

***Introduction to Local Archaeology:** learn what questions archaeologists answer, the basics of excavation and analysis, most common artifact types from the area, and archaeological ethics

***Orientation to the Area:** see map and layout of the ranch, look at artifacts, and discuss previous excavations

***Field Work and Analysis:** excavation, field survey, artifact processing (washing, cataloguing, inventory)

***Native Crafts and Games:** Atlatl making and throwing, flint knapping, spice grinding, soapstone carving, rock art carving, pottery making and firing, and the buffalo chip toss!

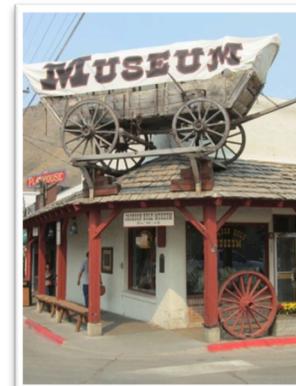
***Wild Edibles Walk:** to be held either at Linn Canyon Ranch or

on Teton Pass

***Rainy Day Activities:** Native Crafts, the “Sheep Eater” videos, artifact processing, visit to the Jackson Hole Historical Society Museums or Teton Valley Historical Museum

***Field Trips:** Possible trip destinations include JHSM galleries, Teton Valley Clovis site, a Teton Pass hike, or Packsaddle Creek Obsidian Quarry

***Dinner Evening Lecture:** Archaeologists Matt Stirn and Rebecca Sgouros to present on their high-altitude archaeology research



RESERVE YOUR SPOT

There is a maximum of 18 spaces available per day. The cost per day (includes brown bag lunch and participation in all activities) is: \$120. Gourmet hot breakfasts and dinners are also available for supplemental purchase (\$10/\$30). Wine, beer, and liquor for dinner is BYOB. Some lodging is available on the ranch and a list of local campgrounds, motels, and inns is also available.

For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Rebecca at 307-733-2414 or Rebecca@jacksonholehistory.org. Spots are available first come first serve and can be secured by a 25% non-refundable deposit. The remaining balance is due at the start of the session. Checks can be made payable to: Linn Canyon Ranch.

The work and all participants from this program will be compiled into a project newsletter to be distributed through the Jackson Hole History Museum, the Linn Canyon Ranch mailing list, and other local outlets.

A detailed schedule of the week and packing list will be available by mid-April.