

**ARCHAEOLOGIST – INDIAN WRITINGS  
POSITION DESCRIPTION****POSITION CONCEPT**

The Indian Writings Archaeologist is responsible for cheerfully and willingly serving as a member the camp staff, whose objective is to serve the campers and advisors who come to Philmont. Your primary duty is to help make the program at your camp meet the expectations of those who participate and help fulfill the Archaeology program and the entire work load of the camp. You are directly responsible to the Camp Director of your camp.

**PHILMONT REQUIREMENTS**

- Provide and maintain a cheerful, helpful and efficient service to all Philmont guests. Insure that all participants have an enjoyable experience. When possible, solve their needs and concerns, when not possible, steer them to someone who can.
- Carry out the prescribed policies and procedure of the Philmont Scout Ranch as outlined in the Staff Guidebook and during staff training.
- Become familiar with all materials supplied prior to the camping season.
- Present oneself to every participant and guest clean, sharp appearing and correctly uniformed as described in the Staff Guidebook.
- Become familiar with all pertinent Philmont policies and procedures.
- Must be 18 years of age by time of employment.

**PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- At the direction and supervision of the Camp Director, participate in the specialized program training during staff training week.
- Become thoroughly familiar with all information relative to the program specialty, so you can answer questions and deliver a stimulating and informative program of consistently high quality.
- Under the direction of the Camp Director, continue on-the-job training throughout the season, sharing your expertise with fellow staff members and learning theirs through cross training.
- Responsible for seeing that proper range safety procedures are stressed to each camper before any shooting activity takes place and that these procedures are followed implicitly for the safe enjoyment of everyone.

**DAILY OPERATIONS**

- Present programs on time with all materials on hand, ready to go.
- Present a program that imparts useful knowledge that supports aims and objective of the Boy Scouts of America and is fun, challenging, stimulating and safe.
- Maintain a clean and efficient program area.
- Check material frequently and keep the Camp Director informed of any supplies needed.

- Insure proper use, security and care of program equipment.
- Help your Camp Director compile information for the end of season report from your observations and knowledge of the Archaeology program(s), and complete a separate report detailing the work and duties completed as the Archaeologist.
- Assist with camp chores – cleaning showers and latrines, checking in crews, checking trails and trail camps.
- Assist with other staff responsibilities as directed by the Camp Director to insure that the mission of the Philmont Scout Ranch is carried out.

## PROGRAM OPERATIONS

- The program at Indian Writings was established in 1956 by Gene Lutes to teach Scouts the scientific methods of archaeology.
- Primary Archaeology programs include:
  - Petroglyph Tour: Outline the cultural history of the North Ponil Canyon using Anasazi and Jicarilla Apache petroglyphs.
  - Foundation Tour: Outline the history, historical significance and usage, excavation history of the Anasazi pit house, Anasazi slab house, and the more modern Hispanic cabin foundation.
  - Excavation: Teach methods of Archeology by allowing Scouts to participate in an actual excavation at a designated dig site.
  - Museum: Display various artifacts found in the canyon and items on loan from the Philmont Museum.
  - Lab: Setup a lab to demonstrate techniques in cleaning, cataloging, and storing artifacts found in the dig site.
- Teach the history and chronology of the North Ponil Canyon
  - 400 AD to 1250 AD: inhabited by Anasazi Indians. Progression from hunting and gathering to growing some agriculture and living in permanent dwellings (pit and slab houses)
  - 1500: Jicarilla Apache
  - Mid to late 1800's: Hispanic Settlers
  - 1907-1923: Cimarron Norhtwestern Railroad
  - 1923-1938: Ranching (Chase, UU Bar, Philmont)
  - 1938: Waite Phillips donated land to the BSA
  - 1941: Samuel Bogan led the Philturn Archaeological Expedition which is described in the book Let the Coyotes Howl.
  - 1956: Gene Lutes began the archaeological program at Indian Writings

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