



# Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc. News Release

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April 8, 2008

## Mark Your Calendars

**\*\*April 8 ...** KVIE is running "Cracking the Maya Code" this week, for details see

<http://www.kvie.org/schedule/results.htm?keywordPBS=maya+code&channel=-1&sort=1&skip=0>

**\*\*April 12** - Valley of the Fire State Park, Rock art tour [info@nevadarockart.org](mailto:info@nevadarockart.org)

**April 13, 2008, Sunday** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00, Ohlone Village Site Tour, Coyote Hills Regional Park

<http://www.classweb.ebparks.org>

**April 17, 2008, Thursday** - 6:30 pm, Board Meeting at Roger and Lydia Peake's home, 916/371-6391

**April 17, 2008, Thursday** – 7:30 pm, "Maya Meeting Update", Roger and Lydia Peake, at the Peak's home, 916/371-6391

**April 17- 20 2008** - SCA, Burbank, [http://www.scahome.org/what's\\_new/index.html#calendar](http://www.scahome.org/what's_new/index.html#calendar)

**\*\*April 19** - Grimes Point Rock Art Tour, contact [info@nevadarockart.org](mailto:info@nevadarockart.org)

**\*\*April 26** - Rock Art Documentation Training, contact [info@nevadarockart.org](mailto:info@nevadarockart.org)

**April 27, 2008, Sunday** - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Sutter Buttes Hike: Native Ways Hike**, call Middle Mountain Foundation at (530) 671-6116 or <http://www.middlemountain.org/body/hikes/schedule.html>

**\*\*May 3, 2008, Saturday** - Archeological excavation at Fort Reading near Anderson, contact Susan Ferguson at 916/966-4861 or [susanferguson@comcast.net](mailto:susanferguson@comcast.net)

\*\* New events

### *Archaeological Excavation at Ft. Reading, near Anderson*

Saturday, May 3, 2008

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join Professor Ritter, SAS member Susan Ferguson, and other archaeology students of Butte College on Saturday, May 3rd on an excavation at a historic fort location in Northern California.

Established on May 26, 1852, this adobe built, two-company post was located on the west side of Cow Creek, about two and a half miles from its confluence with the Sacramento River at the present town of Redding in Shasta County. Established by 1st Lieutenant Nelson H. Davis, 2nd Infantry, the post was primarily intended to protect the mining district from Indian depredations. The fort, one of the earliest posts in northern California, was named for Major Pierson B. Reading, paymaster of the California Volunteers during the Mexican war, and a pioneer settler in California. Although the garrison was withdrawn on April 1, 1856, the post was intermittently occupied until June 13, 1867, and completely abandoned on April 6, 1870. The fort's buildings were sold prior to the restoration of the reservation to the public domain on February 15, 1881.

It will take at least 3 hours and more one way to get to the site. It is east of Anderson and about 10-15 miles south from the heart of Redding. With gas prices the way they are it will take at least \$40 to get up and back. Car pooling is highly recommended.

There is a lunch break so those coming should prepare a lunch. The time there usually runs from approximately 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. It is a long day so you must be prepared to put in the time and sweat, and definitely wear old clothes. If anyone has metal detectors, please bring them. For more details contact Susan Ferguson at 916/966-4861 or [susanferguson@comcast.net](mailto:susanferguson@comcast.net).

## **Nevada Rock Art Foundation Upcoming Tours and Training**

**April 12** - A FREE guided tour of several beautiful rock art localities within the spectacular landscapes of the Valley of the Fire State Park. Limited to 20. Contact [info@nevadarockart.org](mailto:info@nevadarockart.org) or call (702) 804-6723 to reserve a place. The tour is conducted on the second Saturday of every month from November through May.

**April 19** - Grimes Point - FREE guided educational tour to one of the oldest and most interesting rock art sites in Nevada, east of Carson City and Fallon on Highway 50. Tour is limited to 20 and will begin at 10:30am (winter hours). Call (702) 804-6723 or Email [info@nevadarockart.org](mailto:info@nevadarockart.org) to reserve a spot. This tour is done on the third Saturday of every month.

**April 26** - Rock Art Documentation Training, Reno

One-day documentation training workshop -

This training is required for everyone who wants to work on a documentation project. This is the class component of the documentation training and participants will learn the technical aspects of rock art research, laws and recording techniques (9am-3pm). Bring a sack lunch. To complete the certification, participants must complete a fieldwork training session where participants will practice the techniques learned in class. The fieldwork training must be completed within 12 months of taking the class - - just volunteer for the next NRAF project! Limited to 15. Training is free to NRAF members and new members can join on the first day. Call (775) 323-6723 or Email [info@nevadarockart.org](mailto:info@nevadarockart.org) to reserve a place.