

# **JAMES CREEK FIELD SCHOOL**

**June 9 to June 25, 2003**



## **Prehistoric Archaeology in the Carmel Valley: Investigations of the James Creek Bedrock Mortar Site**

**Sponsored by California State University, Monterey Bay, Institute for Archaeology  
In collaboration with Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation**

### ***COME TO CAMP***

The prehistoric site under consideration is situated on a bend of the James Creek in a rural portion of the Carmel Valley of Central California. Numerous bedrock mortars are present and it will be our task to survey, document, and excavate the site. Student assessment will be based on assigned exercises, field notes, project participation, and team effort.

#### **SBSC 341 (CRN 35087)**

This six unit course will provide students the opportunity to learn professional archaeological field techniques, including field survey, site mapping, excavation, artifact identification, note preparation, preliminary artifact processing, controlled data recovery, and stratigraphic profiling. Fees are calculated at \$114.00 per unit.

(Prerequisite: Permission from Instructor)

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#### **Evening Lectures**

Various specialists in California archaeology will present evening lectures, as will California Indians from local tribes who will be working in collaboration with this investigation. We are fortunate and honored to have the guidance of the Esselen Nation. Budding archaeologists, indeed all archaeologists, are encouraged to develop good working relationships with the people whose heritage they are investigating.

#### **Come to Camp**

This is a rare opportunity to work and camp on an archaeological site. A creek borders this site in a beautiful natural setting. The weather forecast is ideal for working and enjoying time outdoors. The owners of the property have invited us to conduct this field school and they look forward to our study. These folks have extended their hospitality to us and have invited us to camp onsite. Students will be responsible for their own food and camping gear. Students who do not wish to camp out of doors may rent a room at the Blue Sky Lodge located in Carmel Valley Village.

The James Creek Bedrock Mortar Site lies within a box canyon with a precipitous cliff located immediately behind the parcel. Please be aware that coyotes, rattlesnakes, and mountain lions inhabit the area and incredible views of the full moon will be available on the night of June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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