



Hanford's Cultural Resources Lab celebrates 15 years during Archaeology Month

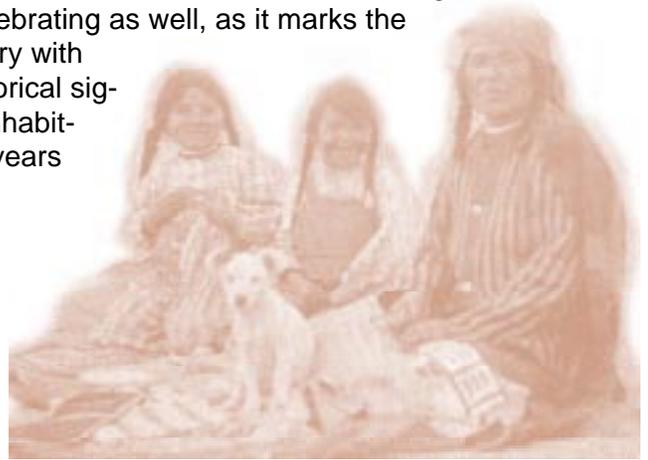
During October, Washington celebrates Archaeology Month with more than 80 events and ongoing exhibits throughout the state. The Hanford Site will be celebrating as well, as it marks the 15th anniversary of the Hanford Cultural Resources Laboratory with speakers and an exhibit to help us better understand the historical significance of the Hanford area, its past communities and the inhabitants who resided here decades, centuries and thousands of years ago.

Prior to 1986, Hanford had no cultural resource professionals on staff, no management plan in place and no review of impacts to the site's cultural resources as it began its long-term effort toward site remediation.

Today, environmental cleanup proceeds in compliance with cultural resource laws and regulations under the guidance of a carefully thought-out management plan to protect these archaeological treasures, our nation's resources. Working in close cooperation with tribes and stakeholders, today's Hanford Cultural Resources Laboratory helps facilitate cleanup while maintaining good stewardship and records of our historical past.

The Hanford Cultural Resources Program is directed by the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office and is administered jointly by the Cultural Resources programs within the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and the Environmental Restoration Contractor.

To find out more about Archaeology Month activities statewide, visit <http://www.oed.wa.gov/info/lgd/oaahp>. ♦



Archaeology Month activities:

- Oct. 2-31, exhibit, "Historical Archaeology of White Bluffs and Hanford Farming Communities," on display at the East Benton County Historical Society
- Oct. 8, 7 p.m., presentation, "Recent archeological excavations on the Hanford Site" by Tom Marceau of Bechtel Hanford, at the Richland Library.
- Oct. 15, 7 p.m., presentation, "Preserving the History of the Priest Rapids Valley Farming Landscape" by Darby Stapp, Dave Harvey and Ellen Prendergast of the Hanford Cultural Resources Laboratory, at the East Benton County Historical Society.
- Oct. 15, 7 p.m., presentation, "Lewis and Clark and the Palus Indians," by Roderick Sprague of the University of Idaho, at the Richland Library.
- Oct. 25-26, Archaeological Resources Protection Act training for law enforcement officers and cultural resources professionals at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center in Richland. By registration only, organized by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Contact Julie Longenecker at 946-1859 for more information.