General Field Work Schedule

Week 1. Campus orientation
- Field techniques, mapping, note taking, artifact recognition.
Class times 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:00 pm

Week 2—7. Field work Class times 9:00-12:00 12:30-4:00 pm
- 3-4 days per week in the field, excavation, mapping, surveying are among the field tasks undertaken.
- 1-2 days per week in the lab at TRU campus in Williams Lake. This work will include artifact cataloguing, completing maps and working on individual projects and artifact analysis.

Week 8. Final Week Campus Lab work
- This week will see the completion of your individual projects, maps, artifact descriptions and your laboratory work.

Please note: Arch 2230 Native Cultures in BC will be offered on Thursday evenings on campus. This class will continue for 13 weeks and is an excellent complement to the field school.

For more information, or to obtain an application, please contact:
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Archaeological Research

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The field school is directed by archaeologist and anthropologist Dr. Beth Bedard.

2014 Field School Information

In the fall of 2014 TRU North in Williams Lake will run another archaeological field school along the Fraser River. This nine credit field school will place you in the middle of an area of incredible wilderness beauty and fascinating archaeology.

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Field School Schedule

- Sept 2-5 Orientation on campus, Williams Lake
- Sept 8 –Oct 17 In field excavation and on campus labs.
- Oct 20—24 On campus lab classes in Williams Lake and completion of Assignments

What to expect:

Accommodation:

The excavation locations are within commuting distance from Williams Lake. If you are from out of town accommodation will need to be arranged. Please contact the campus for tips on accommodation.

Registration

University level Introduction to Archaeology, equivalent to TRU Arch 1190 or instructor permission. Please note that Arch 1190: Introduction to Archaeology will be offered in a Weekend University format on alternate weekends if demand indicates a need.

Deadline for Program Application is July 15, 2014 – Notification of acceptance can be undertaken on or before July 22, 2014. A $100 commitment fee is required along with your application. Spaces are limited, please apply and register early to ensure your place.

Course costs: Course cost for 9 Credits approximately $1,729 and field laboratory costs are approximately $450.