

Module 440 – Effective Interpretation of Cultural Heritage
October 19 – 23, 2009

15-Oct



Hosted by:



Mesa Verde National Park - National Park Service
Anasazi Heritage Center – Bureau of Land Management

Sunday, Oct 18 – Mesa Verde National Park

Topic

Welcome Dessert

"By Our Objects You Will Know Us"

The Week Ahead Demestified

Monday, Oct 19 – Mesa Verde National Park

Topic

Welcome

Nuts, Bolts and the Parking Lot

Archeology of the Mesa Verde Region: An introduction to the prehistory of the Four Corners area and Mesa Verde NP with Julie

Purposeful Interpretation: From Brainstorm to Product

An Interpreter's Perspective - Cliff Palace Tour

An Archeologist's Perspective: Tour of Far View Sites: A comparison of excavated and unexcavated sites and a discussion of preservation through time

Optional evening session: International Standards and Issues of Interpreting Cultural Heritage Sites

Tuesday, Oct 20 - Mesa Verde National Park

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Daily Check-in and Logistics

A Cultural Perspective - Tour of Mug House

Review, Compare and Contrast all Tour Perspectives

Identifying Voices: Success Stories From Working with Local Folks, Native People & Stakeholders

Current issues and trends in Archeology, recent studies and info gathered

Wrap-up – Discussion of days activities/content

Optional session: Balcony House Tour

Wednesday, Oct 21 - Anasazi Heritage Center

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Daily Check-in and Logistics

Check out of the Far View Lodge

Tour of Sand Canyon Pueblo

Overview and tour of Sand Canyon Pueblo with draft trail guide and 7 waysides

Interpretive Technology on a Budget: A quick look at the use of media and technology to present interpretive messages. From do-it-yourself to working with agency specialists and contractors

Beyond the Tour: Who's the audience and how can you reach them through curricula, lessons, traveling trunks, and Junior and Senior Ranger/Explorer products?

Exhibit Design & Media Options

Wrap-up – Discussion of days activities/content

Optional session: Tour of the Main Gallery, Anasazi Heritage Center

Thursday, Oct 22 - Anasazi Heritage Center

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Daily Check-in and Logistics

Tour of Yucca House National Monuement with discussion of Interpretive Component of upcoming Management Plan

What We Are Suppose To Be Doing This Week? Review Course Goals and Objectives

Work on Course Projects

Friday, Oct 23 - Anasazi Heritage Center

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Daily Check-in and Logistics

Presentation of Course Projects (30 minutes each)

Course Wrap-up and Evaluation

Optional Afternoon Field Trips: MEVE - Wetherill Mesa (Long House, Step House), Canyon of the Ancients - Painted Hand Pueblo/Lowry, Anasazi Heritage Center - Tour of Curatorial Collections