



Volunteer Opportunity: Join an Archeological Dig

Who

Anyone age 15 and over who is physically able to work outdoors in moderately strenuous activity such as:

- ✓ digging with shovels and small hand tools
- ✓ raking
- ✓ operating wheelbarrows
- ✓ screening sediments to retrieve artifacts
- ✓ taking notes or filling out forms and labels

Previous archeological experience is helpful, but not necessary. All you need is an interest in history and a willingness to get dirty!



Nurses outside the Manzanar Hospital

What

An archeological project under the supervision of NPS Archeologist Jeff Burton to uncover and stabilize features at the camp hospital and Childrens Village, home to 101 children and the only orphanage in the ten camps where the US Government incarcerated 120,313 Japanese Americans.

When

Wednesday through Monday, March 27 - April 1, 2019. The work will be conducted outdoors, regardless of weather from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. daily.

Where

Manzanar National Historic Site is located at 5001 U.S. Hwy. 395, 6 miles south of Independence, 9 miles north of Lone Pine, California.



Harry and Lillian Matsumoto with some of the 101 children they and the staff cared for

Why

Archeological projects are vital to preserving Manzanar and its stories. They are an amazing opportunity to uncover the past.

Volunteer any number of hours or days, but a full day or multiple days is preferred. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, and gloves.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Please contact Cultural Resources Manager Jeff Burton at 760-878-2194 x. 3305 or email jeff_burton@nps.gov to reserve a spot.