

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Coloma Ghost Town Archaeological Field School

Place: Coloma, Montana
approximately 30 miles east of Missoula

Dates

Session 1: May 21-June 22, 2007

Session 2: June 25-July 13, 2007

Session 1—6 credits

Session 2—4 credits



To Apply:

Send cover letter and CV to:

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In conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management and private landowners, the University of Montana has begun a multi-year historical archaeological investigation of the ghost town of Coloma, Montana. This project will document the domestic and industrial features of the town and reconstruct the social relationships and daily lives of the town's inhabitants. Occupied only briefly from 1893 to 1906, Coloma presents historical archaeologists with a unique opportunity to examine a community associated with extractive industry on the frontier.

Housing is included in overall cost. Students and staff will be tent camping at Lubrecht Experimental Forest at the base of the mountain. Toilet and shower facilities will be available to students at Lubrecht. An additional cost for food (approximately \$90 per week) will be collected each week.

Session 1: Archaeological Field School

Students enrolled in this six-week session will learn both surveying and excavation techniques. During the summer of 2007 we will be recording and excavating a domestic site, associated privies and middens as well as recording the large earthen foundation of the town's boarding house.

Session 2: Structure Recording Field School

This short session will focus on recording the collapsing structures in the town center. Students will learn to make accurate scaled drawings and to photograph these large features.

In your cover letter, please indicate which session(s) you would like to participate in.

For Additional Information: email Dr. Dixon at kelly.dixon@mso.umt.edu or Jennifer Ogborne at jhogbo@wm.edu

Students Will Learn/Activities Include

- Identify, document and interpret cultural features
- Orienteering
- Maintain a field notebook
- Map and excavate cultural features
- Prepare measured drawings of structures
- Basic laboratory methods
- Mapping with a total station

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