

Klamath National Forest Hosts Student Conservation Association Interns

This summer the Klamath National Forest's Heritage Program hosted six Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns to work on a variety of projects throughout the forest. These interns came from across the country to learn about archaeology and assist the Forest in preserving its vanishing cultural resources.

Among the many things the interns spent time learning were the history of the area, field skills such as survey and excavation, and other highly valuable skills such as how to use a GPS device and make computer maps. One of the most memorable events of the summer for many of the interns was a flint knapping exercise and a field trip to Glass Mountain. The students learned a new appreciation for the difficult process of "arrowhead" making. As one student said "I would have died from hunger before I had a tool I could use to hunt with".

For the Forest the SCA program is invaluable. With the assistance of these student interns we accomplish much more than we could on our own, and their enthusiasm and desire to learn brings out the best in all of us. This year alone several hundred acres were surveyed for cultural resources, numerous archaeological sites were recorded and two large conservation/protection projects were completed.

SCA interns this year included Alexis Manning (Nevada), Ian Petty (Connecticut), Don Pattee (Indiana), Chris Walker (Kentucky), Anastasia Lugo-Mendez (Illinois) and Tyler Retherford (Missouri).



From left back row: Gerry SSR Arch Tech, Ian Petty, Don Pattee, Tyler Retherford, Chris Walker, Tom SSR Arch Tech, Jason Coats SSR District Archaeologist, Front Row: Geneva Kraus HCOK arch tech, Alexis Manning, Anastasia Lugo-Mendez,