



Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project Summer Youth Intern Program



June 8 – 19th, 2026

Applications Deadline May 18th, 2026

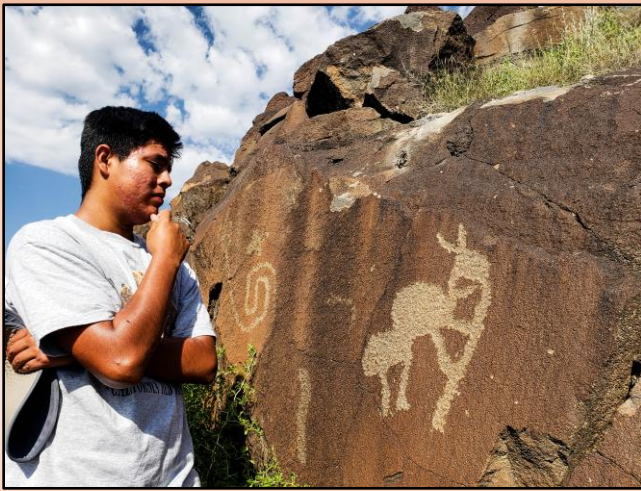
Are you interested in archaeology, anthropology, exploring the outdoors, petroglyphs and the cultural landscapes of New Mexico?



The Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project is accepting applications for our 24th annual Summer Youth Intern Program. You'll learn skills in archaeology, cultural anthropology, and STEM while working with professional scientists recording the petroglyphs on Mesa Prieta!

Our organization has committed to recording all archaeological features on the mesa, including over 100,000 petroglyphs made by the Indigenous peoples of the area. As an intern, you'll help document these features and petroglyphs while learning skills which include:

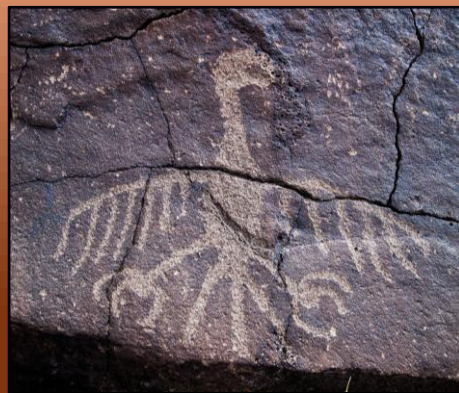
- Photography and 3D modeling
- Scientific drawing, data recording, and analysis
- Critical Thinking
- Navigation using a map, compass
- GIS mapping and GPS recording
- Cultural Anthropology and landscape history
- Lab analysis and poster presentation



After completing the two-week program, interns may be eligible to receive dual credit and to receive a financial stipend.

- Workdays at the site near Velarde, NM are **Monday – Friday from 7:30am - 2:00pm** and **Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm**.
- Submissions must include an essay from the applicant and a completed Teacher/Counselor Form. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- For more information and to download application and form visit www.mesaprietapetroglyphs.org or call **505-852-1351**.

Applicant must be 13 - 18 years old, enrolled in school, drug and alcohol free and in good physical condition.



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For questions and assistance contact us at 505-852-1351 or education@mesaprietapetroglyphs.org
MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 18, 2026 TO QUALIFY

Teacher/Counselor Reference Form

This top section to be completed by Youth Applicant:

Name: (please print) _____

School or Youth Group: _____

I have applied to the Summer Youth Intern Program with the Mesa Prieta petroglyph Project. I request and authorize you to release the information requested below.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

This section to be completed by referring Teacher/Counselor:

Please check all items that apply to the above applicant and return by May 18, 2026, to:
education@mesaprietapetroglyphs.org OR snail mail to Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project, PO Box 407, Velarde, NM 87582

Interpersonal Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant, courteous, and respectful of others <input type="checkbox"/> Utilizes effective communication techniques <input type="checkbox"/> Shows concern and interest in others <input type="checkbox"/> Communicates effectively <input type="checkbox"/> Passive/excessively quiet <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes limitations and seeks assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Does not seek assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Strong leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Participates well in teams
Attendance/Dependability	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely absent <input type="checkbox"/> Frequently absent <input type="checkbox"/> Punctual <input type="checkbox"/> Frequently late <input type="checkbox"/> Reliable <input type="checkbox"/> Unreliable <input type="checkbox"/> Good time management and organizational skills <input type="checkbox"/> Follows through with commitments
Miscellaneous	<input type="checkbox"/> Shows initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks interest or motivation to complete assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastic <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible <input type="checkbox"/> Needs reminders to stay on task or meet expectations

Please provide **on the back of the page** any **other comments** concerning the student that you deem useful.

Teacher/Counselor's Name Signature Phone #

Thank you very much for your time and assistance!

To learn more about the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project, please see our website at www.mesaprietapetroglyphs.org