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## Manzanar National Historic Site News Release

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### **VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO JOIN ARCHEOLOGICAL DIGS AT MANZANAR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

Archeological projects are vital to preserving Manzanar National Historic Site and telling its stories. From July 3 to July 7, July 31 to August 4, and August 28 to September 2, 2009, National Park Service archeologist Jeff Burton will supervise a crew of archeologists and volunteers in uncovering and stabilizing features at Manzanar's Chicken Farm, Camouflage Net Factory, and Merritt Park. The projects will preserve important cultural resources and offer opportunities for volunteers and visitors to learn more about the experiences of Japanese Americans at Manzanar during World War II.

Volunteer positions are available to anyone age 15 and over who is physically able to work outdoors in moderately strenuous activities such as: digging with shovels and small hand tools, raking, operating wheelbarrows, and screening sediments to retrieve artifacts; also to anyone who can take notes, fill out forms and labels, or use a metal detector. Previous archeological experience is helpful, but not necessary. All volunteers need is an interest in history and a willingness to get dirty!

The work will be conducted outdoors, regardless of weather, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays. Volunteers must sign up ahead of time and may work any number of days or hours, but a full day or multiple days are preferred. Volunteers should bring water, lunch, sunscreen, a hat, and work gloves.

Manzanar National Historic Site is located nine miles north of Lone Pine and six miles south of Independence on the west side of U.S. Highway 395. For more information and to sign up please call Park Ranger Carrie Andresen at 760-878-2194, ext. 2714.

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