

SDSU COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM



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Kumeyaay,
Archaeology,
Primatology &
Anthropology!

**PRESENTATIONS
FOR THE 2025-
2026 SCHOOL
YEAR ARE NOW
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

San Diego State University's Department of Anthropology, Collections Management Education Outreach Program was designed to supplement San Diego schools' social studies curriculum, providing an enriching opportunity for students and educators to learn about the rich cultural heritage of the Kumeyaay people, explore the fascinating field of archaeology, and gain insights into the broader discipline of anthropology. By bringing expert knowledge and engaging content directly into classrooms, SDSU aims to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of these important subjects in the San Diego community.

Launched in 2006, the program has been making a significant impact by reaching over 100 classes annually, from kindergarten through 12th grade, with a particular emphasis on 4th through 6th grades. The presentations are highly adaptable, allowing teachers to tailor the content to their specific needs and interests. Topics can include scientific methods, San Diego's unique ecology and geology, world archaeology, and more. These sessions are skillfully conducted by graduate students from the SDSU Anthropology department, ensuring that the material is interactive and informative. Best of all, the program is offered free of charge to all schools within the San Diego area, making it an invaluable resource for enhancing students' educational experiences.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

Education Outreach Coordinator Savannah R. Castleman is a graduate student in Anthropology, specializing in Historical Archaeology with a focus on the archaeology of childhood. Her thesis explores the lives and material worlds of children in 19th & 20th century California, centering on the Whaley House in San Diego as a case study. Through this research, she examines how children's experiences are reflected in the archaeological record and how their stories contribute to broader understandings of domestic life, identity, and social change in the past.

Savannah earned her BA in Anthropology from San Diego State University in 2023. Since then, she has worked as a field archaeologist, museum curator, and researcher across Southern California. Her work bridges academic research and public interpretation, using archaeological objects to explore how material culture reflects identity, community, and lived experience.



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For more Information:

A Teacher's Guide to Historical and Contemporary
Kumeyaay Culture:

<http://www.kumeyaay.info/kumeyaay/KumeyaayGuide.pdf>

Program Website:

<https://anthropology.sdsu.edu/collections-management>

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