

**San Diego State University
Department of Anthropology, Collections Management
Education Outreach Program**

**SDSU's Department of Anthropology offers classroom presentations
about the Kumeyaay and the science of archaeology!**



Examples of Kumeyaay pottery from San Diego County

About the program:

The Education Outreach program was designed to supplement San Diego schools' social studies curriculum, teaching students about archaeology and the cultural heritage of San Diego with an interactive learning approach. The program was started in 2006 and reaches over 100 classes grades K-12 each year, particularly 4th through 6th grades. Presentations are flexible and tailored for the needs of each teacher, with optional inclusion or focus on scientific methods, San Diego ecology and geology, world archaeology, or other topics.

Presenters are graduate students in the SDSU Anthropology program. The presenters bring a "culture box", with artifacts and photographs that can be passed around, touched, and explored. The artifacts help to tell the story of San Diego's prehistory and history, and inspire discussion of how artifacts are found, interpreted, and were used by people in the past. Most of the objects are recreations of Kumeyaay cultural materials, though there are some authentic archaeological objects included. Presentations are free to San Diego area schools.

About the presenters:

Education Outreach Coordinator Megan Carey is a MA student in anthropology at SDSU. She studies bioarchaeology and is specifically interested in repatriation and ethics. Before coming to SDSU, Megan attended Brandeis University and received her BA in anthropology with a minor in history. She also works as the curation technician for the Pechanga Tribal Government's cultural department, where she aids in the curation of

cultural objects and develops exhibits meant to engage and inform the public about the Luiseño people and their culture.

Assistant Education Outreach Coordinator Leigh Anne Menard is an anthropology MA student at SDSU. Leigh Anne is studying ethnoprimateology (interactions between humans and primates) and is interested in multi-species ethnography. She earned her BA at Grand Valley State University with majors in anthropology and religious studies and minors in Middle East studies and Arabic. Along with this position, she also works as an Instructional Student Assistant in SDSU's anthropology department.

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More Information:

Teacher Guide on Kumeyaay of San Diego County:
<http://www.kumeyaay.info/kumeyaay/KumeyaayGuide.pdf>

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

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