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CELEBRATING UTAH'S PREHISTORY

Utah Prehistory Week to be held May 2-10, 2009

Who lived in Utah 1,000 years ago, and how did they live? How long have people lived in Utah? How do archaeologists piece together the story of the past? Learn about Utah's incredible ancient past during Prehistory Week, May 2-10, 2009. Utah State History is hosting several activities for all ages during the week.

"Prehistory Week gives the community a chance to connect to Utah's unique past," says Ronald Rood, assistant state archaeologist. "It helps people realize that archaeological artifacts and sites are precious, finite resources."

Free events throughout the week begin with an open house on May 2 at the Rio Grande Depot, 300 S. Rio Grande Street in Salt Lake City, where there will be crafts for children and demonstrations of cord-making, flint-knapping, and other prehistoric skills.

During the week, after-school workshops for school-age kids will provide instruction about human bones and archaeology. On May 6, archaeologists will be available to answer questions about artifacts and archaeology.

For details about these events, see the attached list of events, or go to <http://history.utah.gov>.

Native peoples have lived in what is now Utah for at least 12,000 years. Archaeologists use the terms Paleoindian, Archaic, Fremont, and Anasazi (Ancestral Puebloan) to describe the prehistoric cultures of

Utah. Ute, Paiute, Goshute, Navajo, and Shoshone people were living in Utah when Euro-American settlers arrived.

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