

ARIZONA SITE STEWARD PROGRAM FOUNDATION 2022 SITE STEWARD ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are delighted to invite you to be a part of The Arizona Site Steward Conference to be held October 21-23, 2022 in Yuma Arizona.

Every year, the Arizona Site Steward Program (SSP) provides a 3-day Annual Conference for all Site Steward volunteers, partner land managers, tribes, and other preservation guests. The overwhelming majority of our volunteers do not have any background in archaeology but they join the program because they are concerned about the preservation of cultural resources. They see that the theft of antiquities and damage to sites is still a major issue in the Southwest and want to do their part to protect sites.

Each new steward goes through basic training however, the Annual Conference is the key to providing the overall training stewards need. Over the past two (2) years, nearly 200 new Stewards have joined the program and many of the new members will be attending the conference to improve their knowledge and skills to ensure they are properly monitoring sites. The conference plays an integral role for the volunteers and the program's stability and well-being. Here are some key components of the conference:



- ❖ Conference sessions are focused on providing SSP Volunteers with exceptional educational opportunities that expand their knowledge of archaeology and preservation-related topics and site monitoring skills.
- ❖ Workshops and activities include how to handle human remains if found, crime scene management, understanding preservation laws and learning about different artifact types (ceramics, lithics), how to remove graffiti from artifacts and features, Cultural Sensitivity taught by tribal members, and much more.
- ❖ It is the one time where volunteers, regional volunteer leaders and land managers from all over Arizona come together to share success stories and exchange ideas on how to improve the program.
- ❖ Site monitoring often takes place in remote areas. The conference provides up-to-date training on critical safety skills including map reading and desert survival. Safety is a priority.
- ❖ An awards ceremony is held to recognize volunteers for their outstanding efforts over the course of the previous year. In 2021, Stewards volunteered a total of 25,952 hours and conducted over of 5,000 site visits. Using the current Federal volunteer hourly rate of \$28.54, that means \$740,690 of in-kind services were provided to the State of Arizona for the protection of cultural resources.



Why Sponsor?

The **Arizona Site Steward Annual Conference** brings together professional, avocational and tribal communities who care deeply about the preservation of the irreplaceable cultural resources of Arizona. The majority of people attending, our Site Steward Volunteers, come from all walks of life and have many diverse professional connections. As we do not charge a registration fee for Site Steward volunteers to attend, Conference costs are not at all offset as normally happens with other conferences. Your sponsorship is vital to the Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation's ability to underwrite Stewards' attendance. Your tax-deductible sponsorship will be advertised to thousands via our website, social media outlets and press releases.

Preserving Arizona's Past takes resources!

The Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation was established in 2017 to support the Arizona Site Steward Program. We do that through fundraising, public awareness and educational initiatives. Our fundraising goals:
























- We seek financial and in-kind donations from individuals, corporations, foundations, and grant-making agencies for the purposes of supporting the educational and public outreach activities of the Arizona Site Steward Program and our own direct initiatives.
- We are the primary financial sponsor of the Annual Site Steward Conference, which is a state-wide training event, coordinated by the Arizona Site Steward Program (ASSP). The Conference is aimed at providing vital seminars on safety, legislation, and procedures and recognizing the outstanding contributions of hardworking volunteers. The estimated cost of the Conference is \$25,000.



In support of the Annual Conference, we present the following opportunities:

- Title Sponsor with a gift of \$5,000+
- Food and Beverage Sponsor with a gift of \$2,500
- Session Sponsor with a gift of \$1,000
- Steward Recognition Sponsor with a gift of \$500

Please see chart for benefits. In-Kind Sponsorships are available. Please contact us for more information at asspfoundation@gmail.com.

BENEFITS AT A GLANCE	TITLE	FOOD AND BEVERAGE	SESSION	STEWARD RECOGNITION
Company logo on website for one year				
Company name on website for one year				
8' x 10' exhibit space				
Verbal recognition at conference				
Recognition on social media				
Logo in Conference Program				
Company name in Conference Program				
Collateral placement on tables	All sessions, meals and award banquet	Sponsored session	Sponsored session	Award banquet
Recognition on social media and in press release				
Event signage	All sessions, meals and award banquet	Sponsored session	Sponsored session	Award banquet

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Please visit our website to make a secure electronic payment:

<https://www.asspfoundation.org/site-steward-conference-sponsorship>

Or you may mail a check to:

Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation
 4022 E Greenway Road, Suite 11-157
 Phoenix, AZ 85032

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Thank you for your support of The Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation