



## Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

*El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra  
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens*

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### Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Hosts Presidio Archaeology Day Camp



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to announce the return of the Presidio Archaeology Day Camp, offered to students ages 11-15 across Santa Barbara County. Students are invited to learn about local history by excavating at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park, the location of the fort that founded the city in 1782 and in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century became the home of Santa Barbara's Japanese community. The day camp is offered during the week of July 10 – 14, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Participants will learn how archaeologists study and interpret clues to reconstruct the history of Santa Barbara. Archaeologists will instruct on basic excavation techniques, artifact processing methods, artifact identification, archaeological drawing, and mapping. At the end of the week, participants will have a better understanding of how information is recovered and maintained so that it can be used to reconstruct the past.

The Presidio Archaeology Day Camp is hosted by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, the nonprofit organization that operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park.

Summer Day Camp Fees: \$225

If interested please fill out the [Registration Form](#) and mail to SBTHP at 123 E. Canon Perdido St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

For more information, visit [sbthp.org/presidiocamp](http://sbthp.org/presidiocamp) or contact the Program Director Kevin McGarry at 805-965-2004 or [kevin@sbthp.org](mailto:kevin@sbthp.org).

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**ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)**—For over fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara’s 18<sup>th</sup> century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks. The State has purchased the building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio *Comandante* José de la Guerra and his family; the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. In 2009, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees’ Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County’s distinctive history. **Learn more at [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org).**