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MAS 2026 Annual Meeting

April 10-12 in Missoula

From the Montana Archaeological Society

Layers of Time: Explore, Educate & Engage



2025 Meeting at the Depot Center in Livingston

More MAS Meeting Reminders!

We're Excited to see you in Missoula!

Call For MAS Auction Items & Meeting Sponsorships

We will have a Live & Silent Auction at the MAS April 10-12 MAS meeting in Missoula. **The auction will be held on Friday Evening, April 10.** This is a good opportunity to share items that you want to donate to help raise funds for MAS. Also, for businesses or community members who want to sponsor the conference, please download the Community Donation Pledge below.

Please download the forms below to donate items for the auction or to sponsor the 2026 Missoula Meeting of the Montana Archaeological Society.

[2026 Auction Donations Form](#)

[2026 Sponsorship Pledge](#)

[2026 Community Auction Donation Pledge](#)

Matt DeVries GoFundMe

Hi MAS folks,

Matt DeVries is a UM Anthropology grad student working with Prof. Doug MacDonald in Yellowstone. He had a terrible car accident two weeks ago and is slowly recovering at St. Pats in Missoula. He will be transferred to a rehab facility in Billings this week. His family has set up a Go fund me to support his mounting medical expenses. Please consider a donation to help Matt.

Here is the link to the Go Fund Me with its description:

<https://gofund.me/1007be572>

Matt DeVries has always been a vibrant presence in our community, known for his passion for archaeology and his love of the Montana outdoors. Recently, he was involved in a serious car accident that has left him in critical condition. The injuries he

sustained are severe, including fractures and a traumatic brain injury. He has been in the ICU since the accident, and while he is showing signs of improvement, the road to recovery will be long and challenging. Matt's family is facing not only the emotional toll but also the financial burden of his medical care. As he transitions to a long-term care facility, the costs will continue to mount. This is why a GoFundMe has been set up to support his recovery journey. Every donation, no matter the size, will help cover his medical expenses and provide the care he needs. Matt has touched many lives with his kindness and enthusiasm, and now it's our turn to support him. Please consider contributing to his fund. Your generosity will make a significant difference in his healing process. Thank you for your support!

Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship

We invite individuals with interest in Northern Plains archaeology to apply for the Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship! Scholarships are open to everyone. We have awarded scholarships to individuals of middle-school age through retirement and to professionals and non-professionals alike. Awards have been used for various activities including academic research, K-12 curriculum, and travel to analyze museum collections.

Individuals may contact the Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship committee directly at ckscholarship@yahoo.com with questions.

General information about the scholarship is online at <https://www.ndarchaeology.com/scholarship>.

Please find the scholarship application [HERE](#).

Past awardees at Metcalf include Damita Engel and Andrew Reinhard.

Please forward the notice/application as appropriate.

Paleoamerican Odyssey 2026

Dear Montana Archaeological Society,

The Center for the Study of the First Americans is organizing a three-day conference on the first Indigenous people to enter the Americas during the end of the last Ice Age. The PaleoAmerican Odyssey Conference, will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from October 14–17, 2026. In 2013, we held the first Paleoamerican Odyssey conference and we had 1200 people attend which included professional archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, and interested members of the public.

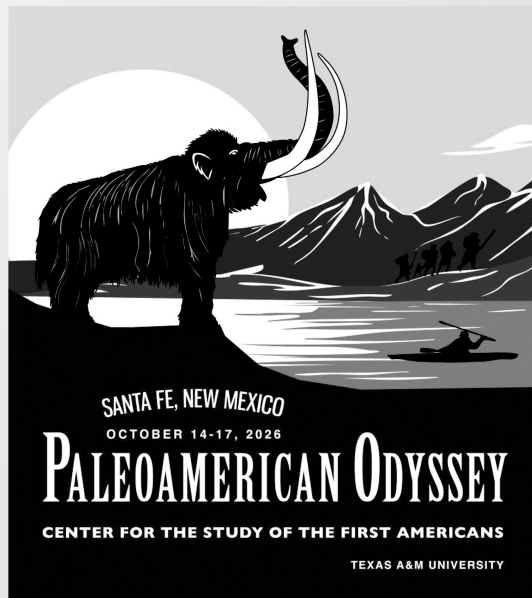
Please visit the CSFA website (www.centerfirstamericans.com) for more information on Paleoamerican Odyssey 2026!

Mark the date on your calendar!

The Center for the Study of the First Americans invites you to participate in a three-day examination of the first people to explore and settle the Americas at the end of the last Ice Age. This conference is for everyone—archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, Quaternary scientists, students, and anyone interested in archaeology.

Much new information generated about the peopling of the Americas since the 2013 Paleoamerican Odyssey conference is changing how we view the First Americans. The archaeological genetic revolution took place after 2013, with genomic analysis of human individuals and their dogs creating a biological outline of the ancestry of the First Americans and estimates for their arrival south of the Ice Sheets. New information generated about the coastal and inland corridors more clearly defines the timing of their opening and viability. The Western Stemmed Tradition of the Intermountain West now appears to be coeval with Clovis. Many new archaeological sites excavated in the Americas place the arrival of humans between 23,000 and 16,000 years ago. New dating and other studies tell us much about the timing and cause of the extinction of megafauna at the end of the Pleistocene and the role of humans in this event.

Hear 35 lectures given by preeminent scholars on all aspects of the study of the First Americans. Examine 400 poster presentations on a variety of topics and view artifact casts from important sites. Enjoy the opportunity to ask questions, meet, and discuss the First Americans with the speakers, poster presenters, and others throughout the day and during our evening meet-and-greet sessions.



Visit the CSFA website (www.centerfirstamericans.com) for more information on Paleoamerican Odyssey 2026!

We'll see you there!

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