



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 13, 2021
To: Deadwood City Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Re: 2021 Archaeology Camps

The Deadwood Historic Preservation Office and Deadwood History, Inc. are once again planning to conduct two Archaeology Camps during the month of June 2021. The program will consist of a genuine excavation lead by professional archaeologists and historians; daily educational programming; field trips; and collaborative work in peer groups. Children will come away with a sense of local history, comradery and the archaeological process.

The participants will be supervised by Deadwood History, Inc. staff at a ratio of roughly 5-7 participants per staff member. Campers will be broken into five-camper units by age group and will rotate positions throughout the excavation process. Each group will be given color-coded t-shirts and will be referred to as “teams.”

The site for Archaeology Camps in 2021 will be on the Pearson Properties, located just outside Deadwood. Staff is recommending entering into an agreement for the use of the property and approving an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid out of the Archaeology line item to help underwrite the program.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this request at their May 12, 2021 meeting and recommends entering into an agreement with Bill Pearson for the use of the Pearson property for the Archaeology Camp and approve an amount of up to \$3,000.00 to be paid out of the Archaeology line item to assist in the costs of the program.

Recommended Motion

Move to enter an agreement with Bill Pearson for the use of the Pearson property for the Archaeology Camp and approve an amount of up to \$3,000.00 to be paid out of the Archaeology line item to assist in the costs of the program.