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Block-lifting Archaeological Artifacts Schedule, March 1 – 3, 2023

Day 1: Wednesday, March 1

9:00 a.m.	Orientation and welcome
9:30 a.m.	What's in an archaeological conservation dig box?
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Effects of environmental conditions on materials degradation and preservation
11:00 a.m.	Excavation Techniques: Block-lifting, <i>in situ</i> stabilization
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Materials Characterization: Chemical spot testing
2:30 p.m.	Packaging and Storage: Techniques and materials
3:30 p.m.	Preparation and logistics for Day 2: Work in the field
4:00 p.m.	Depart

Day 2: Thursday, March 2

8:00 a.m.	Drive out to the site and tour area
9:00 a.m.	Site excavation and site environment evaluation
9:40 a.m.	Demonstration of block-lift methods
10:00 a.m.	Split-up into groups of two and perform excavation and block-lifts
11:30 a.m.	Break
11:45 a.m.	Packaging block-lifts for move into the lab
12:30 p.m.	Drive back to campus
1:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 p.m.	Discussion and group presentations of block-lifts
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.	Tour of Arizona State Museum's archaeological repository
4:30 p.m.	Depart

Day 3: Friday, March 3

9:00 a.m.	Micro-excavations of block lifts in the conservation lab
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Continue micro-excavations
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Object examination, identification, and characterization
2:00 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m.	Materials stabilization and conservation of artifacts
2:45 p.m.	Preparation of storage supports/containers
4:00 p.m.	Group discussion
4:30 p.m.	Depart