

# Mudslinger

**Service Summary:** Mudslingers participate in the process of stabilizing S'edav Va'aki's earthen structures by creating adobe from natural materials ("mud") and applying it the structures, typically by throwing ("slinging"). This process is invaluable to the continued preservation of the invaluable cultural resources that S'edav Va'aki stewards. Open to groups up to 25.

**Supervisor:** Master Mudslinger/Volunteer Coordinator

## Duties:

- Arrive on time and follow instructions
- Mix soil, sand, and a soil stabilizer together to create adobe
- Apply adobe to earthen structures utilizing various techniques as required, typically throwing
- Transport filled buckets to the mudslingers and empty buckets back to the adobe mixing area
- If supervising minors: ensure all youth volunteers stay with the group encourage them to actively participate; ensuring all youth treat the structures carefully and with respect, if a youth volunteer needs to leave the group for some reason, one adult must accompany them

## Available Days and Times:

- Saturdays (typically the second or third) from September to May

## Required Time Commitment:

- 3-4 hours per month

## Required Training:

- Mud Mixing Training (upon arrival)
- Stabilization Training (upon arrival)

## Required Skills:

- Willingness to get dirty
- Ability to learn quickly
- Punctual and able to follow simple instructions
- Must be able to lift 20 lbs.
- Must be able to sit, bend, and stand on uneven surfaces for extended periods of time

## Additional Helpful Skills:

- Knowledge of preservation practices
- Interest in archaeology, history, anthropology, historic preservation
- Interest in structural engineering
- Interest in landscape architecture



**Desired Impact on Museum and Visitors:**

- Advance the preservation mission of the Museum by helping to ensure that S'edav Va'aki's cultural resources are stabilized and preserved for future generations
- Mitigate the constant threat of erosion to the structures

**Benefits to Volunteer:**

- Gain an understanding of the purpose and activities of the Museum
- Acquire new skills related to preservation practices
- Opportunities to develop friendships with others who share similar interests
- Free admission to the Museum
- Opportunities to participate in workshops, attend continuing education classes, lectures, exhibit openings, and trips
- Opportunity to participate in the annual Volunteer Recognition Event each spring
- Discount in Museum Store

