Boise State University
Archaeological Students Association

THE ARCH BEAT:
Flintknapping 101

ASA members had the opportunity to practice some hands-on archaeology in the form of flintknapping. The group met up on October 23rd to practice some basic skills in tool making techniques common in North American hunter gatherer groups. A few bloody fingers and some directional skills from professor and co-advisor of ASA, Chris Willson, and there were the beginnings of some projectile points.

Special thanks to Mike Roberts for providing the obsidian cores and materials.

Interested in flintknapping?
Check out the works of Don Crabtree, Earl Swanson, and John C. Whittaker!

The Idaho Archaeological Society annual conference was October 8th. The conference covered varying aspects of archaeology with the keynote speaker, Cory D. Wilkins, from the Archaeological Conservancy. Boise State graduate student Niki Nickoloff presented the findings from the site 10-EL-215, Joseph Purcell presented research on a preliminary study of histomorphic values in metacarpals, and Samuel Smith presented site integrity information of the Idaho National Guard’s Orchard training area.

IMPORTANT DATES:
November ASA meeting will be Nov. 6th at 10:30 am in the Albertson’s Library
Recap meeting will be Nov. 11th at 5:30 pm in the Albertson’s Library
Contact Kayla Bartling at kaylabartling@u.boisestate.edu for further location details.