



Brightwater Site

Sandra Walker

Sandra holds a Bachelor's Degree in Archaeology /Anthropology and Fine Arts – Double Honors, from the University of Saskatchewan. While earning her degree, she worked on the archaeological site at Preston Avenue, in the vicinity of present day Stonebridge, as well as at the Red Tail site at Wanuskewin and at Whitecap. Through the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society, she worked at Wanuskewin at the Dog Child site and at the Southwest Hudson Bay branch east of Batoche. Sandra presently holds an Avocational Archaeological permit for the Brightwater area which allows students to be involved in surface collection of artifacts. While working at Brightwater, she helped discover two occupation sites, including a winter camp and a summer camp as well as one food processing area.

Sandra has a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and ran a special needs program in a Regina day care. She has taught Level One (equivalent to grade one in Canada) in Barbados under the British system. She has also taught in Costa Rica as a Sign Language Instructor.

Sandra has worked as an Interpreter Assistant for the Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Meewasin Valley Authority and assisted in the production of a poster for reclamation of portions of the Beaver Creek area.

While at Brightwater, Sandra authored a publication for Saskatoon Public Schools on artifacts at Brightwater, presenting at the 2010 Saskatchewan Archaeological Society Annual Conference. This publication is also used during her interpretation of the area.

Sandra's main focus of instruction at Brightwater is plant uses. She ties-in ethnobotany while facilitating the interpretation, showing plants that would have been used as tools and food sources of past cultures, which integrates survival themes. Sandra also incorporates archaeology with GPS and related software (i.e., Mapsource, Trackmaker and Google Earth).