

## 2025 Desert Symposium and Field Trip

April 18-21, 2025

### Desert Archaeology and Extending the Great Basin

**Symposium:** The 2025 Desert Symposium will be held at the Desert Studies Center, Zzyzx CA Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19. Rooms are available the night of April 17 for early arrivals. Room and board are wrapped into a package at this off-the-grid mellow oasis. Friday night will feature a keynote speaker TBA.

We invite presentations on all desert-related subjects, as usual. The theme-oriented session has two themes and accordingly seeks presentations on archeology and the early history of the Mojave Desert and southern Great Basin area, as well as all aspects of the geology, geography, and environment of that area over the past ~20 million years. While the geologic focus is Death Valley to Lake Mead and the margin of the Colorado Plateau, we welcome even broader topics!



**Field trip:** Leader: Steve Rowland, UNLV Prof. Emeritus of Geology

The 2025 field trip on April 20-21 will focus on the geologic story of extensional tectonics in southern Nevada, along with investigations into local archeology. Accompanying the trip will be a musical to be performed during the evenings! We will visit spectacular exposures of extensional faults and related geology and develop the tectonic evolution of this classic part of North America.

We plan to leave the symposium venue on Saturday afternoon (4/19/2025) for our campground at Valley of Fire State Park. Sunday night will be at the same campground. (Abundant hotel options also are in the Las Vegas region). We will end the trip by mid-afternoon on Monday, allowing all to get home at a reasonable time.

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