

## **2008 – 2012 Deadwood Student Archaeology Camp**

From 2008 to 2012, grade school and middle school students had an opportunity to excavate beside real life archaeologists as part of Deadwood’s annual Archaeology Camp. Sponsored by the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission and the Adams Museum, archaeology camp provided students with a “hands on” opportunity to learn about Deadwood’s history. The site, located along Spring Creek, has played host to mining claims, a brewery, an ice farm, and several residences. As part of the excavations, students discovered the remains of the residential structure that once stood on the property. Artifact discoveries included building materials (bricks, timbers, nails, glass), kitchen debris (broken jars, dishes, animal bones leftover from meals), and even a handful of children's toys (jacks, marbles, rollerskate wheels).

While learning about Deadwood's history and helping uncover the past, the students involved also had a chance to learn about orienteering, local plant life, the crafting of Native American stone tools, and the importance of preserving the past.



**Image #1 2009 Lead/Deadwood Middle School students attending archaeology camp**