WHV – Volunteer for Rock carvings in Tanum

Rock Carvings in Tanum, Sweden
Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1994)

THE SITE - The rock carvings in Tanum, in the north of Bohuslän, are a unique artistic achievement not only for their rich and varied motifs (depictions of humans and animals, weapons, boats and other subjects) but also for their cultural and chronological unity. They constitute an outstanding example of Bronze Age art of the highest quality. The range of motifs on the Tanum rock carvings provides exceptional evidence of many aspects of life in the European Bronze Age. The continuity of settlement and the ongoing practice of agriculture, as illustrated by the Tanum region’s rock carvings, archaeological vestiges, and modern landscape features, combine to demonstrate a remarkable permanence during eight thousand years of human history.

OBJECTIVES - The project is rooted in the museum’s organizational goals to reach young adults, work, and cooperate on a global level and convey knowledge and understanding to the local community as well as the general public about the work done at the World Heritage site.

ACTIVITIES - The museum staff will guide the volunteers in participating in heritage and green areas maintenance, conducting a visitor survey and interacting with the public. Participants will also prepare discussions and lectures, including information on a chosen World Heritage site from the volunteers’ own individual countries, giving the discussions a deeper understanding of the global community which all World Heritage sites are a part of. With the volunteers participating in maintenance work publicly during the tourist season, not only the museum will get the opportunity to show the conservation work - usually done during the off season - in action, but will also create interest and spaces to speak with the visitors on what is done to preserve the heritage site.

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