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MEDIA RELEASE

Media Advisory: SFU hosts its first ever PaleOlympic tournament where students will perform survival tasks using ancient tools—April 7

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On April 7th, SFU students will find out if they have what it takes to survive the Stone Age at the University's first ever PaleOlympics taking place on the Burnaby campus. In teams of five, students will gain hands on experience learning what it's like to live in the Paleolithic period by performing various survival tasks using similar ancient tools from that period.

This event will provide students a learning experience that can't be replicated in the classroom. Team events include throwing spears and atlatl darts at animal targets, creating fire using a bow-drill, carving Venus figurines, as well as other activities. Students will walk away from this event with a greater appreciation for modern technology that many of us take for granted.

WHAT: SFU students learn what it's like to survive in the PaleOlympic period**WHEN:** April 7th, 2017 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.**WHERE:** SFU Burnaby campus, Second Field.**LINK:** <https://www.sfu.ca/archaeology/news/paleolympics.html>**Media opportunity:**

There will be an opportunity to interview students in between events, as well as film and take photos.

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