

1 Introduction

1.1 *The purpose of the handbook*

Welcome to the fifth season of Stanford University's excavation at Monte Polizzo!

This handbook is required reading. It contains vital practical information, and introduces the methods that we use in the excavation. **Even if you've dug at Monte Polizzo before, read the handbook.** It's better than ever this year. If you're taking the Stanford course Classics 150/250/Archaeology 113, "Archaeological fieldwork in the Mediterranean," in spring quarter 2004, you should read the handbook in conjunction with it. The information in the handbook is a necessary compliment to what you'll read in Wheeler and the other texts.

When you come to Sicily in July, **BRING THIS HANDBOOK WITH YOU!** It contains information you'll need as the dig progresses. Even more importantly, if anything goes wrong during your trip, the handbook tells you how to contact us, so we can put things right. A lot of people miss plane connections in Milan or Rome, and if you show up in Palermo at a different time from the one you told us and don't have the handbook with you, you won't be able to reach us, and we can't come and get you. **So bring the handbook with you.**

1.2 *Contact information (important!)*

These are the crucial cell phone numbers. **If you run into any difficulties, CALL SOMEONE.** There's some information on p. 115 about how to make phone calls within Italy. If you call us in Sicily from the US, please bear in mind that Sicily is 9 hours ahead of California. We're normally up by about 6 a.m. (Salemi time) on weekdays; please don't call after 10 p.m., Sicilian time, unless there's an emergency. If you can't reach a team member, leave a message with Tanya Brunot, who'll serve as contact person.

When you're calling from the US to Sicily, add 011-39 before these numbers:

Emma Blake	339-824-8921
Brien Garnand	333-676-1620
Trinity Jackman	333-361-3151
Ian Morris	333-324 5369
Chris Sevara	339-224-2282
Bengt Westergaard	333-440-4214
Ufficio Turistico	924-991-320
Tanya Brunot	Classics administrator: (650) 723-2582
Classics department	Main number: (650) 723-2581
Police, ambulance	113 (within Sicily)

One final thing: if you're away from Salemi overnight at any point during the project, you **must** give Brien Garnand a list of who's in your group, where you've gone, when you'll be back, and, if any member(s) of your group have cell phones, numbers we can reach you at.

1.3 Timetable

Dig calendar:

Monday July 12	Arrive in Palermo
Tuesday July 13	First day on site For trench supervisors: orientation For everyone: site tour
Saturday July 17	Work Saturday (Saturdays and Sundays are free, unless noted)
Sunday August 15	Feast of the Assumption (<i>Ferragosto</i>)
Saturday August 21	Work Saturday: last day of digging
Monday August 23	Backfill site
Tuesday August 24	Clean dig house
Wednesday Aug 25	Go home!

Normal daily schedule:

5.30-6.00 am	Get up (depending on how much time you need in the morning)
6.00-6.20 am	Breakfast
6.30 am	On-site team leaves dig house; lab teams clean up
7.00 am	Start work
9.00-9.15 am	Coffee break (though there's no coffee on site)
11.00-11.30 am	Lunch
2.00 or 2.30 pm	Finish digging
3-4 or 7-8 pm	Clean pottery and bones, do paperwork
3-7 or 4-8 pm	Free time
8 pm	Dinner

