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## Shoshone Historical Sites Field Trip

For my second history contract experience I participated in a field trip to Shoshone historical sites in Cache Valley and over to Washakie and Portage in Box Elder County. I found out about this opportunity via an e-mail from Elisabeth. Apparently this field trip program is new this year and is geared toward senior citizens who reside here for the summer only. My 19 year old, history major daughter agreed to accompany me and we had a great time seeing the "Battle of the Bear River" site and Sagwitch's grave. I learned a few new things about the Shoshone as Sagwitch's quad great grand daughters were our tour guides and the bus ride was ok.

I have taught Cache Valley history to third graders for years, even to the whole grade level. I will share the new information I learned with them, such as where Sagwitch is buried, and exude even more personal enthusiasm than I've done in the past now that I've seen a few new things and met some Shoshone tribe leader's progenitors. We have always tried to go on a field trip to Jenson Historical Farm as a grade level and enjoyed the Pioneer venue. I think I will try to talk my

colleagues into the Shoshone venue for this coming year's field trip, as the great grand daughters I met told me they are the presenters.