



**Crystal Reynolds**  
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**Biography:** Crystal Reynolds has been an Archaeologist for 15 years. She started her education at Central Wyoming College where she earned her Associates degree and moved to the University of Wyoming to complete her Bachelor's degree. Her first archaeology job was in Yellowstone National Park, and since then she has worked all over the United States and out of the country. Since obtaining her position with the tribe, Crystal has had great

opportunities to work with numerous state agencies on projects and hold permits for conducting their own surveys off the Reservation. She is also lucky enough to be able to include her son on some of her great adventures into the field with work, and has taught him about our history and modern day presence on the land.

**Workshop:** *Tribal Archaeology* – Crystal will tell you the story of how she got involved in archaeology, her journey through CRM, and returning to the Reservation to learn tribal archaeology and how that differed drastically from what she was taught academically. You will have the opportunity to look at real artifacts, models, and pictures to gain an understanding of tribal archaeology versus academic archaeology. Students will have the opportunity to “excavate” a model archaeological site and ask questions. Crystal will have cakes with layers of “dirt” where you can find “rocks” and other treasures in this edible exercise! She will also talk about the other sciences that go into archaeology and how those play a big part but also take a much deeper science to surround and add to the material existence of archaeology.