



**Science Outreach – Athabasca
presents...
Investigating Ancient
Civilizations: Maya
Archaeology in Belize**

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Maya civilization was built through the efforts of indigenous people to make natural resources work for them, and they succeeded. For three years, the Stann Creek Regional Archaeology Project (SCRAP) has been investigating Alabama, an archaeological site in Belize, Central America. Through archaeological excavations, and additional ‘sciencey’ and ‘not-so-sciencey’ methods, faculty and students from Belize, USA, and Canada, including Athabasca University, have been attempting to understand how the ancient Maya of Alabama settled the area and made use of resources—including granite, clays and soils, and obsidian—to their advantage. How the Maya went about their daily lives, all while building one of the greatest pre-Columbian civilizations in the Americas, is one of the most enduring archaeological fascinations. Join us for an exciting

evening of archaeological investigation: people and pots, houses and temples, Mountain Cows and Royal Rats (what???), and so much more!

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