



## Paleolithic Excavations in the Swabian Jura, between May 6<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> 2019



Symbolical artifacts from the caves in the Ach- and Lone Valley.

### Place:

- 1. Niederstotzingen (Langmahdhalde)
- 2. Blaubeuren (Hohle Fels), Baden-Württemberg, Southwestern Germany.

**How to get there:** Flight/ train to Stuttgart, train to Ulm and then to

- 1. Niederstotzingen (Langmahdhalde)
- 2. Blaubeuren (Hohle Fels).

**Conditions:** Excavation experience and good command of English or German. Health insurance. Minimum period of participation is four weeks. Housing with communal meals is provided by the project. Travel-costs covered by the participant.

Excavations in the Lone and Ach valleys of the Swabian Jura have produced the earliest examples of figurative art and musical instruments and contribute to the question of the origin of cultural modernity and the arrival of anatomically modern humans in Europe. From May 6<sup>th</sup> until July 1<sup>st</sup> excavations at *Langmahdhalde* (1) and from July 1<sup>st</sup> until August 9<sup>th</sup> in *Hohle Fels* (2) are available to excavators with field experience. Parallel to the fieldwork, team members participate in water screening, sorting, labeling of finds and data management. Excursions to the neighboring sites and museums in the region will be part of the program.



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**Langmahdhalde** is located in the Lone Valley close to the well known Paleolithic sites of Vogelherd, Hohlenstein, Bockstein and Haldenstein. Beside famous sites a large number of unexcavated caves and rock shelters are preserved in this area. Last year we reached in situ Upper Palaeolithic layers in which we will continue excavating in 2019.

**Ach Valley/ Hohle Fels** Cave provides an important record for the cultural stratigraphy of the Middle and Upper Paleolithic and is particularly well-known for its Aurignacian and Gravettian deposits. This year's campaign will focus on Gravettian and Middle Palaeolithic deposits.