

# Summer Field School in Archaeology

For the 35<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will offer a Summer Field School in Archaeology in 2004. The session will occur during the 8-week UNL session, from May 17 to July 9. The class will count for 9 credit hours and will offer students a practical introduction to the basic techniques of modern field archaeology by involving them in two exciting research projects.

## May 17 to June 4

### Exploration of Nebraska's Oldest Known Euroamerican site

To begin the summer, field school students will work at the recently discovered site where a detachment of US Army surveyors and civilian scientists spent the winter of 1819-20. Called the 'Engineer Cantonment,' this is the oldest known Euroamerican site in Nebraska. It is being explored by researchers from the Nebraska State Historical Society. The 2004 excavations will aim at locating the foundation of the soldiers' cabins and collecting ceramics, glassware, food remains, and other debris the explorers left behind. In addition to basic excavation techniques, this work will also provide an opportunity to learn the skills of horizontal and vertical scale drawing, tool maintenance, and artifact cataloging.

During this part of the summer, students will live on campus or at home. Everyday a van will bring the field party back and forth between Lincoln and the site which is north of Omaha.

Rob Bozell, Associate Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society, will teach this part of the field school with a graduate Teaching Assistant and staff members from the NSHS.



## June 7 to July 9

### Tracing the Prehistoric Hopeton Earthwork, Ohio

To complete the field school, the field school team will travel to southern Ohio on June 7 so that they can take part in a major research project being undertaken by archaeologists from the National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center. This part of the field school will be taught by Dr. Mark Lynott, Directors of the National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center. The focus of the research the Hopeton Earthwork, a huge complex of mounds, enclosures and ditches created by the prehistoric Native American culture call the Hopewell. Dr. Lynott has been investigating the Hopeton Earthwork for several years. His project involves archeologists and geophysicists from the National Park Service and several major universities. In 2004, the focus of work will be to use geophysical survey techniques together with targeted excavations, and systematic surface collecting to locate ancient earthwork structures that have been damaged by historic development. Through this work field school students will learn geophysical surveying methods, mapping, artifact identification, and data recording.

While in Ohio, field school students will stay in comfortable housing near the site. Simple food storage and preparation facilities will be available, but most meals will have to be purchased. Housing costs will be covered and while at Hopeton, all students will be registered as "Volunteers-in-Parks (VIPs) and will receive an allowance of \$10 a day to defray dining expenses. For information of the Hopetone Earthwork Project,



please visit:

[http://www.cr.nps.gov/mwac/hopeton/hopeton\\_main.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/mwac/hopeton/hopeton_main.htm)

### Estimated Costs

All students will register for 9 credits of Fieldwork and Laboratory Work in Archaeology. These credits may be taken as either Anth 280/281, or Anth 480/481. The usual pattern is 3 credits of 2/480 during the first three weeks, and 3 credits each of 2/480 and 2/481 during the following 5 week session. In addition to tuition, and the usual fees for registration, technology, and program (about \$75.00), all students will have to buy UNL Student Travel Insurance which costs .25 per day. All participants will also be charged a transportation fee of \$200. Students will provide their own housing while the field school is in Nebraska. Housing and partial food support will be provided during the Ohio portion of the summer.

### Application, Registration, and Contact Information

Student must apply for admission to the UNL Summer Field School through the Department of Anthropology and Geography. Please apply by March 15, 2004. Applications are available in 128 Bessey Hall, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588-0368. For more information about the Summer, please contact either Dr. Peter Bleed, 472-2891 [pbleed1@unl.edu](mailto:pbleed1@unl.edu) or Dr. LuAnn Wandsnider, 472- 8873 [wandsnider1@unl.edu](mailto:wandsnider1@unl.edu).