

2002 UNL Summer Field School in Archaeology

The 2002 UNL Summer Field School in Archaeology will introduce students to basic field techniques in archaeology. It will occur during the 8-week session (20 May - 12 July) at two different venues.

20 May - 7 June Central Plains Archaeology



The first three weeks will be spent in the Lincoln-Omaha area with Nebraska State Historical Society personnel conducting pedestrian survey and test excavations at locations slated for road construction. Here, students will learn basic surveying protocols, instrument mapping, and excavation skills, tool maintenance, and artifact identification and in-field processing.

Students should plan on overnighing at their residences in Lincoln or Omaha. They will be responsible for their meals and should pack a lunch daily. The schedule will be a 8:00-5:00 5-day workweek with weekends off. Transportation will be provided by UNL.

Instructor: *Rob Bozell* (Nebraska State Historical Society); (402) 471-4781

10 June - 12 July Hopeton Earthworks



The remaining five weeks will be spent with NPS Midwest Archeological Center staff at the Hopewell site of Hopeton in southern Ohio.

The Hopeton Earthworks were reported by E.G. Squier and E. H. Davis in 1848. Their research in the area around Chillicothe, Ohio is generally regarded as the first systematic or scientific archaeological research in North America. The 2002 research at this site is part of a multi-year study by the Midwest Archeological Center aimed at developing a better understanding of this National Historical Landmark. The 2002 research will be focused on the square earthwork, with the majority of our efforts aimed at the southern end of the square.

The 2002 research objectives are:

1. Continue developing a topographic map of the earthworks and site to document their current condition.
2. Excavate and record two trenches across the earthwork to determine whether the earthwork was built as a single event, or whether it was constructed as a series of events.
3. Test a series of anomalies that were identified through magnetic survey. We hope to use the magnetic survey data to identify possible subsurface features. Testing of these features will help us better understand what types of activities were conducted inside the earthwork, and compare these with features/activities conducted outside the earthwork.

Quarters will be at Building #1 of the Veterans Administration Complex on Hwy 104. This is to the west and across the Scioto River from the Hopeton Earthworks. The building was built as a hospital ward, so we will have a number of rooms with beds available to us. Students will share rooms (two to a room). Rest rooms with showers are available on the floor. The Veterans Administration will provide sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels, but students are welcome to bring their own gear if they choose. There will

be a refrigerator and microwave, but cooking is not permitted in the building. Breakfast is available at the VA canteen, which is only a short walk from our quarters. The food is good and reasonable priced. We will be eating at the site daily, so everyone will need to carry lunch for the day.

Chillicothe is a small town, but it has numerous eating places, movie theaters, etc. For those that play golf, the Veterans Administration maintains a course that is available for use (cost: \$5.00/round). Memorial Stadium at the VA complex is the home of the Chillicothe Paints of the Frontier League. This is professional baseball and the general admission is \$5.00. It is a five minute walk from our quarters. Note that current road and bridge repair has created traffic delays at many places.

We will be sharing quarters with students and archaeologists working at the Hopewell and High Bank Earthworks, and students from Milton Hershey High School who will also be working with us at Hopeton.

We will be working normal five-day weeks with weekends off. There are many sites to visit in southern Ohio and a tour of sites will be arranged for anyone who wants to participate.

Students may receive mail addressed to individuals: c/o Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, 16062 State Route 104, Chillicothe, OH 45601-8694. There is a pay-telephone within walking distance of our quarters at the Veterans Administration. Emergency messages may be left at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park 740-774-1126.

Students participating in this project will be registered as Volunteers-in-Parks, and will be eligible for \$15/day reimbursement for meal money, laundry and misc. expenses. Students will also be reimbursed for one night of motel lodging both travelling to Ohio and returning to Nebraska (not to exceed \$55/night).

Instructor: *Mark Lynott* (NPS Midwest Archaeological Center); 402-437-5392, ext. 107

Costs

Registration Fee	\$15.00
Program and Facility Fee	\$19.00
Tuition (9 credit, resident, undergraduate)	\$911.25 (graduate students should see Dr. Wandsnider)
Travel Insurance	\$14.00
Information packet	\$25.00

At this time, we anticipate no additional costs for books, equipment, or transportation. As indicated above, students are responsible for housing and food while in the Lincoln/Omaha area. For the second portion of the class (in Chillicothe), the National Park Service will REIMBURSE housing and food expenses after the field season. It may be possible to receive a travel advance for some of these expenses. More information on this later.

Informational Meeting

To have your questions answered, come to an informational meeting in 129 Bessey Hall, tentatively scheduled for 4 PM, Thursday, 14 March. Look for announcement in Bessey Hall and via e-mail.

Application, Registration and Contact Information

Students must apply for admission to the UNL Summer Field School through the Department of Anthropology and Geography. Applications are available at 126 Bessey Hall, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588-0368. **Application Deadline: 15 March 2002.** Once admitted, students will be instructed on how to register for **9 credit hours**. For more information, contact Dr. LuAnn Wandsnider, ■ lwandsnider1@unl.edu or ? (402) 472-8873