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Field Day



Photo Jake Schlesinger

The tenth annual Archaeology Field Day at the Berry Site was a wonderful success! Cloudy and cool weather brought over 500 people out to tour the site. Each year the event grows, and this year we had many new booths and vendors out at the site. Visitors were able to see everything from fire starting and turkey calling demonstrations, to Catawba and Cherokee storytelling. Children played Native American games and made clay pots and animals to take home. We hope you were able to make it out to the site, but if not, we'll see you next year!

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Leviton Auditorium at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton, NC. Dr. Brett Riggs, from the Research Labs of Archaeology (RLA) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will present a program on the Catawba Indians at 6:30 PM. A reception will follow in Hildebran Hall.

For directions to Western Piedmont, go to <http://www.wpcc.edu>. For more information, call 828-439-2463 or email exploringjoara@att.net.

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There are more Members Days ahead! Members are encouraged to come out on Saturday, July 23rd and Saturday, August 6th from 9:30 until noon to dig near one of the Spanish fort structures. Excavations in the area have uncovered many interesting

features so there is much to discover!

We will also be holding Members Nights out at the Catawba Meadows site in Morganton on July 27th, August 10th, and August 24th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Make sure to come prepared to work outside. We recommend participants wear appropriate work clothes and shoes, and wear hats and sunscreen to protect against sun exposure.

This field season we've expanded our work to three separate field projects: the Berry Site, the Catawba Meadows Site, and survey projects in Rutherford County.

Members with Field School experience are encouraged to volunteer their time to help us accomplish our goals.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Emma Richardson at exploringjoara@att.net or 828-439-2463. Volunteer names will be added to a call list if help is needed on different projects throughout the summer.



Registration is free for all members. For more information and to reserve a space, please contact Emma Richardson at exploringjoara@att.net or 828-439-2463. We look forward to seeing you out at the site!

EJF's New Staff Archaeologist

The Exploring Joara Foundation is proud to announce and welcome Emma Richardson as the new Staff Archaeologist.

Ms. Richardson graduated from Warren Wilson College in 2008 with a B.A. in Anthropology and has since worked throughout the country as a contract archaeologist. She has spent the past seven summers working at the Berry Site, and is eager to continue the Foundation's work in promoting public archaeology in the region.

As Staff Archaeologist, Emma is leading the excavations at the Catawba Meadows site this summer, and is assisting with the many groups and camps that have been working at the Berry Site during the field season.

We are pleased to have Emma on board, and look forward to a rewarding future with her.



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