Member's Day at the Berry Site

Members are encouraged to come out on Saturday, September 10 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!

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.

Registration is free for all members. There are limited spaces for this event. You must be registered so that we can be adequately prepared. If you don’t want to get your hands dirty you can also come out just to visit and watch but we still need folks to register.

David Moore will also be on the site with a group of Warren Wilson students. Come on out and visit.

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!

News from the Warren Wilson College Archaeology Lab

Those of you who have volunteered for our lab nights in Morganton know that the Berry site excavations yield many interesting artifacts. Just recently the Warren Wilson archaeology crew discovered a fascinating clay pipe fragment. The picture shows the fragment on the left. It was excavated from the plow zone just north of the mound this summer. The fragment on the right fits it perfectly – but it was found during a surface collection south of the mound in 1995! It is possible that these fragments (or the whole pipe) were separated when the mound was leveled in the 1960s.

These fragments represent the pipe stem. The bowl would have been located at the top of the fragment on the right. We’ll bring you more information about this intriguing artifact in future eblasts.