

Exploring Joara Foundation invites residents to Community Day

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The Exploring Joara Foundation has planned hours of fun, archaeology-related activities for area residents at its Community Day Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its living history village at Catawba Meadows Park.

The day will feature primitive skills demonstrations by specialists from across western North Carolina such as basket-making, friction fire-making, hide tanning, pinch pot-making and tool-making with stone and bone material, according to a press release on the event.

Children will get to participate in hands-on activities and games. Storyteller Keith Brown from the Catawba Indian Nation will tell tales of the old days.

EJF staff will be on hand to answer questions and guide visitors in a special activity to help them experience how natives built their homes.

“We invite participants to get their hands dirty and help daub the exterior of the Phifer-Johnson house, one of our two native home replicas,” said Marie Palacios, EJF’s executive director.

Palacios said the event was paid for by a grant from Unifour Foundation Endowment Fund of the Catawba Valley Community Foundation.

She encouraged community members to come out to experience local history and have some fun.

“Enjoy this free opportunity to experience first-hand some of the cultural heritage that makes Morganton so special,” Palacios said.

For more information on the event or EJF, visit www.exploringjoara.org or contact 828-439-2463.



Exploring Joara Foundation Community Day pic

Visitors to the last Community Day presented by the Exploring Joara Foundation watch a primitive skills demonstration.