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Hello Everyone,

I am very excited to be here in Morganton, North Carolina. I recently moved here from Pensacola, Florida where I received my Bachelor of Arts majoring in Anthropology and where I am currently finishing my Master of Arts, majoring in Historical Archaeology. While in Pensacola, I gained experience in public archaeology through establishing an experimental archaeology club which focused on primitive skills activities and events for students and families. Through the experimental archaeology club, I worked with the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) as a volunteer for Florida Public Archaeology Month. In my coursework, I was exposed to the years of phenomenal work done by David Moore, Chris Rodning, and Robin Beck at the Berry site. This made me feel as if I was coming to a place I already knew so much about. I feel my background in public archaeology and past exposure to the Berry site has prepared me to fill the large shoes left by Emma Richardson. Her dedication, passion, and hard work have helped grow Exploring Joara to where it is today.

My first week here has already been an exciting time getting to work at the Berry Site with the last session of Archaeology Explorers summer camp. I have had great support from David Moore, EJF Senior Archaeologist, and Sam Avery, EJF Board President. I have hit the ground running and am working hard to continue building the Exploring Joara Foundation. My first goal is to see a large turnout of members for the upcoming Historic Morganton Festival on Saturday, September 8th.

This year will be our first at the Festival, and we hope to gain more exposure for what we do. It will be a great Saturday filled with activities, so I hope everyone can make it out.

Best,  
John Krebs

Utilizing a ground penetrating radar (GPR) as part of a training workshop with the Florida Public Archaeology Network





## Call for volunteers: Historic Morganton Festival

The Exploring Joara Foundation will have a booth this year at the Historic Morganton Festival on Saturday, September 8th between 9am-7pm. This will be a great opportunity for members to interact with the public and promote our mission. I will need several volunteers to help with the following areas:

- Activities table. Volunteers will assist children and families with the activities we have going on such as ceramic making, basket weaving, or candle stick making (tentative), as well as possible demonstrations of flint knapping: 5-6 volunteers throughout the day
- Merchandise/Information table. Volunteers will assist with sales, meet the public, and seek donations or membership: 2-3 volunteers
- Setup/Breakdown of the equipment for the activities and merchandise. We will need someone willing to transport some tables and tents to and from the Wall Center, as well as assist as needed: 2-3 volunteers at the beginning and end of the event

This will be a fun-filled Saturday! I would like to arrange a mini-workshop with any volunteers before the festival in order to go through the activities, prepare the merchandise and equipment, as well as create signs guiding the public to us. I would like to hold this workshop Wednesday, September 5th at 6pm.

For more information on the Historic Morganton Festival you can visit their website at <http://morgantonfest.org/>

## Archaeology Explorers Camp

This past week saw the successful conclusion to our second year of summer camps! The camp program this year was led by Dr. Theresa Shebalin, along with assistance from Emma Richardson, Shaun Lynch, and several Warren Wilson College students, Abra Johgart and Kat Kipfer. Great work by everyone involved and a big thank you to Theresa and Shaun for all their hard work.





This year we offered 6 different camp and workshop experiences at the Berry site over a 5 week period. More than 30 students and teachers participated in the field and lab activities including excavation, water screening, posthole excavation, artifact identification, looking for petroglyphs in Upper Creek, mending pottery, primitive technology demonstrations, pottery making, and hot dog mummies! They had so much going on that they did not want to leave. We hope to expand next summer, so please help spread the word.

