VERMONT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Greetings!

Summer 2009 Vermont Archaeological Society Fieldwork Opportunity

WHAT

The VAS, Green Mountain National Forest, Green Mountain Club, and UVM-Consulting Archaeology Program are working together to offer an exciting opportunity to excavate a known pre-contact archaeological site. VT-RU-107 is a large surface quarry site on the National Forest along the Appalachian/Long Trail (AT/LT) in the town of Mt Tabor. The Forest and Green Mt Club plan to build a camping shelter atop the site, which has been previously disturbed yet still offers the opportunity to answer questions of interest and yield fascinating lithic artifacts.

WHEN

You may sign up for any of the following dates: Wednesday through Saturday-July 8, 9, 10, 11 Monday through Saturday-July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 Wednesday through Saturday-July 22, 23, 24, 25

WHO

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The Carignan-Salieres Forts of Vermont and Quebec



As announced in the May eNewsletter the VAS's first archaeological tour will take place Saturday August 29, 2009.

The tour will begin in South Burlington and include Fort Saint Anne in Vermont and Forts Saint Jean and Chambly in Quebec. Noted historian Howard Coffin will be the tour leader.

This tour includes transportation, all admissions and a box lunch. The all-inclusive cost is \$87.00 per person.

The tour is being organized for the VAS by Notch Above Tours. Please call them at 800-639-2367 to secure your place. Space is limited so call soon.

For additional information on this first ever VAS archaeological tour you may contact VAS President Brigitte Helzer or eNewsletter Open to VAS members (non-members are welcome to join VAS in order to participate). Space is restricted. Please secure your preferred dates as soon as possible.

WHERE

We will rendezvous (8:30) at the AT/LT parking lot on Forest Road 10 in Mt Tabor. FR10 is also known as Brooklyn Road; the AT/LT is approximately 2.5 miles up the road from Route 7. If you arrive late, simply hike north on the AT/LT. There are no "forks" in the road, and you'll know you've made it when the trail hits the pond. [NOTE: From the parking lot it is a moderate 2 mile hike up the AT/LT to the site; while the trail is relatively flat, it is a rocky 2 miles anyway you cut it.]

HOW TO SIGN UP

Email or call VAS Board member Candace Lewis at Candace.Lewis@ccv.edu or 802-786-0013. Again, space is limited, so email/call ASAP.

WHAT TO BRING

- Sturdy footwear Hiking boots will work well.
- Comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.
- Extra clothes to account for Vermont's infamous changing weather.
- Hat, sunglasses
- Water
- Lunch, snacks
- Insect & tick repellent, sun screen
- Gloves are not necessary, but garden gloves with rubberized palms and fingers work well or leather gloves

OTHER VITAL POINTS

- We will ask you to sign a Forest Service volunteer agreement (so you are covered in the event of injury).
- You may be asked to carry out artifacts.
- You may camp on the National Forest. Access to the two nearby trail shelters are on a first-come, first-served basis, but anyone can pitch a tent off the trail.
- Volunteers under age 16 should be accompanied by an adult.
- There is an outhouse available, but it may not have 'supplies'.
- In case of bad weather, please call 802-747-6719 for a message regarding cancellations

We hope to hear from you soon.

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Call or E-mail 802-786-0013 or Candace.Lewis@ccv.edu to secure your place at this interesting opportunity available only to VAS members.

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