

CAHOKIA MOUNDS SUMMER EXCAVATION VOLUNTEER APPLICATION 2012

The 2012 Cahokia Mounds Volunteer Excavation Project will be conducted under the auspices of the Powell Archaeological Research Center (PARC). Project funding is provided by the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society (CMMS). If you are not currently a member of the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society you may join at www.cahokiamounds.org or by calling 618-344-7316. Membership fees are \$25 for Students, \$30 for Seniors (55+), \$35 for Individual, \$40 for Families and up. **Please note that the CMMS membership is a requirement for volunteering in the Cahokia East Palisade Project.**

The first session of the 2012 Volunteer Excavation Project held at Cahokia Mounds will begin on Monday, May 7th on the Merrell Tract with students from the University of Bologna and continue until Friday, May 25th. On Tuesday, May 29th our attention will return to the area of the East Palisade until Friday, June 29th. The following week, Monday July 2nd to Friday July 6th will be dedicated to processing artifacts at the onsite archaeology lab. In order to help eliminate the number of no-shows in the program, in addition to the membership fee, a \$50.00 deposit will be required and sent with the completed application. The deposit will be refunded at the end of the season if one or fewer days are missed of your scheduled time in the program. Fulfillment of your commitment is imperative to the research being conducted. For this reason, forfeiture of your deposit will result if more than one day of your scheduled time is missed. Checks are made payable to CMMS and will be held by Lori Belknap. The first day of each week in the field will be spent training new volunteers and updating the returning volunteers on the excavation procedures. Our normal work day will be from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Volunteers are responsible for providing their own transportation to the site, their own housing, and their own lunch. Volunteers must provide proof of medical insurance and sign a waiver prior to their participation in the program. All participants must be at least 18 years old. Thank you for your interest in the Cahokia Mounds Excavation Volunteer Program. We look forward to receiving your application.

Ken Williams - CMMS Research Chair ; John Kelly - Project Coordinator;
Christa Wroblewski - Volunteer Coordinator

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Archaeological experience (if any):

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

Are you a member of an archaeological society or group? Name(s)

Are you currently a student? University/College:

College Standing: _____ **Major:** _____

Anthropology/Archaeology courses taken (or currently taking):

Where did you hear about the Cahokia Volunteer Excavation Project?

Website: _____ Newspaper: _____
Other: _____

Do you have health insurance? Yes No

Do you have any health problems that would limit your activities? If so, please explain:

Name two contacts in case of emergency (include address, telephone number, and their relationship to you):

T-shirt size (circle one): XS S M L XL XXL

Volunteers may sign up to participate for several days, a week, or for several weeks. To ensure the best possible experience for the volunteers and field crew, we **highly recommend** volunteers sign up to participate at least one full week. Once a volunteer is accepted into the program for the time frame agreed upon between the Volunteer Coordinator and the volunteer, their commitment and presence in the field and/or lab is imperative to the research being conducted. Please indicate when you wish to participate on this project by circling the specific week below. If less than a whole week, please circle specific days you will be in attendance.

Merrell Tract (West Plaza):

Week 1 (May 7-11) NOTE: This week will involve removing backdirt from previous excavations and will require some heavy lifting.

M T W Th F

Comments: _____

Week 2 (May 14-18)

M T W Th F

Comments: _____

Week 3 (May 21-25)

M T W Th F

Comments: _____

East Palisade:

Week 4 (May 29-June 1) NOTE: This week will involve removing backdirt from previous excavations and will require some heavy lifting.

T W Th F

Comments: _____

Week 5 (June 4-8)

M T W Th F

Comments: _____

Week 6 (June 11-15)

M T W Th F

Comments: _____

Week 7 (June 18-22)

M T W Th F

Comments: _____

Week 8 (June 25-29)

M T W Th F

Comments: _____

Week 9 (July 2nd,3rd,5th, and 6th) NOTE: This week will be dedicated to processing artifacts at the onsite archaeology lab and will involve cleaning, sorting, and inventorying the materials recovered from the 2012 excavations.

M T Th F Comments: _____

Space is limited, and we may not be able to accommodate all applications for volunteer participation on the 2012 Cahokia Mounds Volunteer Excavation Project. If interested, send your application as soon as possible. All decisions about volunteer participation are made by the project coordinator Dr. John Kelly.

For further information, or questions about this project, contact Christa Wroblewski through e-mail at christa905@charter.net or by phone at 636-577-1556

Cahokia Mounds Museum Society Volunteer Archaeology Program Liability Waiver

I, _____ shall hold the Powell Archaeological Research Center (PARC), State of Illinois, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Cahokia Mounds Museum Society and its agents harmless and defend the same for all claims for injury or damages to persons or property arising from participation in this program. I, _____ also understand the terms of the \$50.00 deposit fee as written above (on page 1) and that forfeiture of the deposit will result if more than one day of your scheduled time in the program is missed.

By executing this Contract with Cahokia Mounds Museum Society, the parties hereto certify that they understand the terms and conditions as outlined above, and agree to these by signing below.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

DEADLINE FOR VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, May 4, 2012. Excavation Volunteer Applications should be sent to:

**Christa Wroblewski
Volunteer Coordinator
P.O. Box 776
St. Peters, MO. 63376**

