

Summer Excavation Schedule

All excavations may be viewed when in progress.

Excavations are normally held Monday through Friday from 8 am to 3 pm

May 21-June 8

The **University of Missouri-St. Louis field school** offers a unique opportunity this summer to students majoring in Anthropology or those just fascinated by archaeological digs. A three-week field school will be held at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, once the largest pre-Columbian settlement north of Mexico. Nearly 70 mounds of the original 120 are currently preserved in this 2,200-acre World Heritage Site. Over 50 million cubic feet of earth were moved in construction of the mounds.

This field school will focus on Mound 34, located east of Monks Mound; and students' efforts will concentrate on defining a possible copper workshop area just to the north of Mound 34. This work will complement an ongoing research project whose primary goals have been to relocate excavations conducted in the 1950s and remap them using methods not available during the earlier investigations. This project has yielded large quantities of artifacts, including copper, marine shells, drilled shark's teeth, and finely made pottery.

Enrollment is limited, so students should register early!

Current UM-St. Louis students may register beginning April 1.

Visiting students may register beginning in mid-April.

For more information click [here](#)

Please contact Nichelle Hardy, hardyn@umsl.edu or 314-516-5974 to register.

For more course information, please contact Dr. Kelly at kellyls@umsl.edu

June 4 – July 13

The **Washington University field school**, under the direction of Dr. John E. Kelly at Mound 34, will continue the search for the copper work shop first discovered during 1950s excavations. Mapping of the site will continue as well and these data are being combined into a GIS map of the Cahokia site through Washington University in conjunction with the Illinois State Museum and George R. Milner. For more information, contact Dr. John Kelly at jkelly@artsci.wustl.edu

June 11- August 3

The **Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville field school** under the direction of Dr. Mary Vermilion, will focus on the northeast corner of the Central Palisade to pursue one of the Palisade walls where it turns west to go behind Monks Mound, and also other walls that continued to the north. Other prehistoric residential features will also be excavated and documented. For more information, contact Dr. Julie Holt at SIUE juholt@siue.edu or Dr. John Kelly at jkelly@artsci.wustl.edu

PUBLIC FIELD SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

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Cahokia Mounds Museum Society (CMMS) members have the unique opportunity to participate in this important project by volunteering their time this summer. The public may participate by becoming members of CMMS. Participants may volunteer for field and lab work between the dates of May 21 and July 27, 2007. Volunteers may sign up to participate for several days, a week, or for several weeks. The normal workday will be from 7:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Volunteers are responsible for providing their own transportation, housing and lunch. Participants must provide proof of medical insurance and must be 18 years or older.

[Click here for an application form.](#)

**DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS IS  
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007.**