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Volunteer and Tour the May 2020 Pockoy Island Excavation

You can join the SCDNR Archaeology team from Friday, May 1 through Saturday, May 23, 2020 as they conduct their fifth field season at the Pockoy Island Shell Ring Complex on [Botany Bay Plantation Heritage Preserve](#). Guided public tours and volunteer opportunities are available for free throughout the field season. Volunteers of all ages will help the SCDNR Archaeology team sift for artifacts. Pre-registration to participate in a guided tour or volunteer is required. Register to be a volunteer at Pockoy Island during the May 2020 field season [here](#). Register to take a guided tour of the Pockoy Island excavation site [here](#). Groups of 10 or more who wish to visit the site may register [here](#). If you would like more information about the archaeological research taking place on Pockoy Island, please check out our press release [here](#).

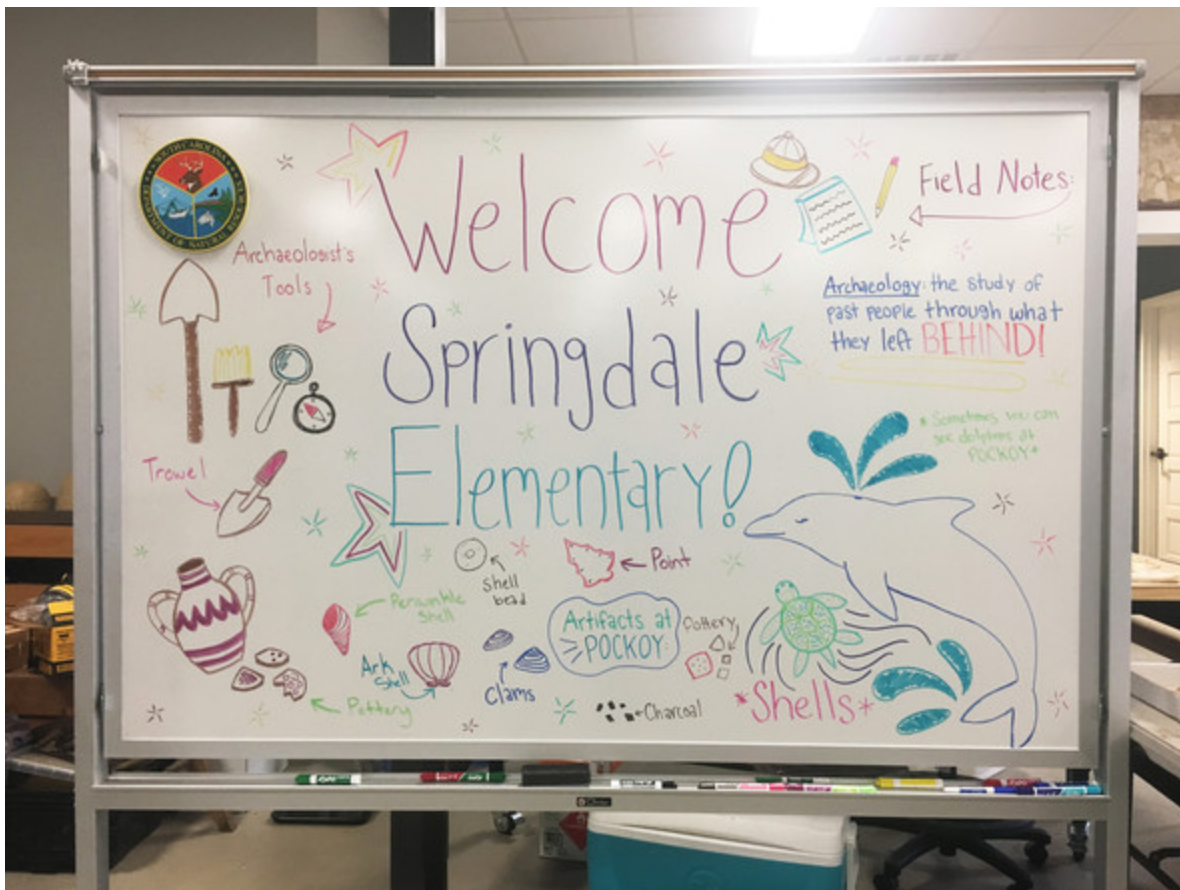


Archaeology Field School Opportunity for College Students at Pockoy Island, May 2020

[Indiana University of Pennsylvania \(IUP\)](#) is offering a three-week advanced Archaeological Methods and Field School (ANTH 520) at the Pockoy Island Shell Ring Complex (Edisto Island, S.C.) in collaboration with the SCDNR Archaeology team. The course will run from Monday, May 11 to Friday, May 29, 2020, and provides training in both field and laboratory techniques. The prerequisite for the course is Basic Archaeology (ANTH 244), basic field experience, or permission of the instructor ([Dr. Andrea Palmiotto](#)).

This course is a hands-on, experiential learning experience and provides students a platform to hone their archaeological field skills. Activities will include test unit excavation, mapping, and lab work. Students will interact with site visitors on a daily basis. Through this work, we will gain a better understanding of Late Archaic lifeways and discuss ways of presenting information to the public.

Please note that this course does not count towards the six-week field school requirement for IUP archaeology students. Accommodations and meals will be provided to students courtesy of SCDNR. Travel may be arranged from IUP to S.C. Please contact Dr. Andrea Palmiotto for additional information (apalmiot@iup.edu).



Springdale Elementary takes a Field Trip to Parker Annex

The SCDNR Archaeology team welcomed the Springdale Elementary 1st grade classes to Parker Annex Archaeology Center in February. During this field trip, students learned how to clean and sort artifacts in the Parker Annex laboratory, how to make pottery, and they even got to practice target shooting using blowguns and darts.



2020 Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic

Come visit the SCDNR Archaeology team during the 2020 [Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic](#) from Friday, March 27 - Sunday, March 29, 2020. We will have artifacts from Pockoy Island on display, [S.C. Archaeology Month posters](#) available to take home for free, and we will be joined by experimental archaeologist [Scott Jones](#) and the [Lexington County Museum](#) staff.



Summer 2020 Internship Program

Applications for the Summer 2020 SCDNR Cultural Heritage Trust internship program are now available [here](#). Applications close at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2020. Detailed information about each summer internship category (high school, undergraduate and graduate) can be found on the [Heritage Trust website](#). Please email SCDNR archaeologist Meg Gaillard with any questions or concerns (GaillardM@dnr.sc.gov).



Boy Scouts of America Archaeology Merit Badge Program

Are you a Boy Scout interested in earning your Archaeology Merit Badge? Are you a troop leader looking for local merit badge opportunities for your Scouts? The SCDNR Cultural Heritage Trust team of professional archaeologists hosts BSA Archaeology Merit badge programs throughout the year. Want to schedule an Archaeology Merit Badge program for your Scouts? Please contact SCDNR Heritage Trust public information coordinator Jacob Hamill (HamillJ@dnr.sc.gov) with questions. For more information about the BSA Archaeology Merit Badge please view [this document](#) from the BSA.



Volunteer Lab Days at Parker Annex Archaeology Center

Have you ever wondered what archaeologists do after they complete an excavation? Where do the artifacts go? Answer - the archaeology laboratory for processing and analysis!

Did you know that for every day archaeologists spend in the field they spend about a week in the laboratory washing, sorting and analyzing the artifacts that they uncover? The laboratory component of archaeology is where the story of the past starts to come together as archaeologists analyze artifacts and add to human history. Now you can help the SCDNR Archaeology team as a laboratory volunteer!

Registration is now open for Volunteer Lab Days at Parker Annex Archaeology Center. You can register to volunteer for one of many time slots [here](#). Space is limited, so sign up today!

Questions about archaeology events and programs? Please visit the [Heritage Trust website](#), or contact archaeologist Meg Gaillard at GaillardM@dnr.sc.gov.