



# FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK

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### *Discover Ancient Technology: The Atlatl*

*Destination Archaeology offers public chance to learn about and use ancient technology*

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** –Ever wonder what prehistoric Floridians used before the invention of the bow and arrow? Come learn about this fascinating piece of prehistoric technology used to hunt everything from ancient woolly mammoths to modern squirrels on August 15, 2013 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

The Destination Archaeology Resource Center (DARC) will hold a workshop open to the public about the use of this ancient tool called an atlatl. A short lecture inside the Florida Public Archaeology Network Coordinating Center at 207 East Main Street in downtown Pensacola will explain the origins and mechanics of this dart-throwing device. Next, participants can try their hand at it during our atlatl demonstration outside (weather permitting). This program is free and open to the public. Program is limited to 45 participants on a first come first serve basis.

The Destination Archaeology Resource Center is an archaeology museum located inside the headquarters of the Florida Public Archaeology Network in downtown Pensacola. Exhibits include information about archaeology, archaeological sites across the state, and a temporary exhibit space that highlights current research by UWF archaeology faculty and graduate students. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located at 207 E. Main Street in Pensacola. Admission is free.

Who? Florida Public Archaeology Network

What? Public workshop on the ancient technology of the Atlatl and demonstration

When? August 15 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Where? FPAN Coordinating Center, 207 East Main Street, Pensacola, FL 32502

Cost? Free

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