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Florida Public Archaeology Network Celebrates National Archaeology Day

PENSACOLA– The Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) will celebrate the Archaeological Institute of America's (AIA) National Archaeology Day on October 19.

The Destination Archaeology! Resource Center (DARC) museum exhibit and FPAN's Archaeology Lab will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An archaeologist will be available to answer questions at both the museum and lab. At 11:00 a.m. an atlatl workshop will be held on site. A short lecture will explain the origins and mechanics of this ancient 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. This workshop is limited to 45 participants for each session on a first come first serve basis.

National Archaeology Day is a celebration of archaeology and the thrill of discovery. Throughout the month of October and on October 19 in particular, the AIA and its society's throughout the United States and Canada will present archaeological programs and activities in over 100 cities for people of all ages and interests. Whether it is a family-friendly archaeology fair, a guided tour of a local archaeological site, a simulated dig, a lecture or a classroom visit from an archaeologist, the interactive, hands-on programs presented by the Institute and its societies will provide the public a chance to indulge in their inner Indiana Jones.

DARC is located at the bottom floor of the Florida Public Archaeology Network Coordinating Center at 207 E Main St., Pensacola, Fla. 32502 (next to the Fish House). Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free.

Florida Public Archaeology Network is a statewide program administered by the University of West Florida dedicated to the protection of cultural resources, both on land and underwater, and to involving the public in the study of their past. Regional centers around Florida serve as clearinghouses for information, institutions for learning and training, and headquarters for public participation in archaeology.

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