

# CAHOKIA MOUNDS SUMMER EXCAVATION VOLUNTEER APPLICATION 2017

The 2017 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](http://www.cahokiamounds.org) or by calling 618-344-7316. Membership fees are \$30 for Students, \$30 for Seniors (55+), \$40 for Individual, \$50 for Families, and up. **Please note that the CMMS membership is a requirement for volunteering in the Cahokia Mounds summer excavations.**

The 2017 Volunteer Excavation Project held at Cahokia Mounds will begin on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> in the East Palisade area and continues until Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. The week of July 24-28 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 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  
Susanna Bailey - Volunteer Coordinator

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Archaeological experience (if any):

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Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

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

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Are you currently a student? University/College:

\_\_\_\_\_

College Standing: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Anthropology/Archaeology courses taken (or currently taking):

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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:

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

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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.

**East Palisade:**

**Week 1 (June 12-16)**

This week will involve removing back dirt from previous excavations and will require some heavy lifting.

M T W Th F

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Week 2 (June 19-23)**

M T W Th F

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Week 3 (June 26-30)**

M T W Th F

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Week 4 (July 3-7)**

**NOTE:** This week we will work only four days (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri) due to the Independence Day holiday.

M W Th F

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Week 5 (July 10-14)**

M T W Th F

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Week 6 (July 17-21)**

M T W Th F

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Week 7 (July 24-28)**

**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 2017 excavations.

M T W Th F

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Space is limited, and we may not be able to accommodate all applicants for volunteer participation on the 2017 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, please contact Susanna Bailey through e-mail at [cahokiaexcavation@charter.net](mailto:cahokiaexcavation@charter.net)

**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 the 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 FOR EAST PALISADE AND LAB WEEK (JUNE 12-JULY 28) IS SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017.**

**Excavation Volunteer Applications should be sent to:**

Susanna Bailey  
Volunteer Coordinator  
P.O. Box 1120  
Florissant, MO 63031