Highlight of the Quarter

This June FPAN North Central had an opportunity to partner with the Jefferson County Extension Service’s 4-H Program, the Florida Park Service and the Southeast Archaeological Center of the National Park Service. The 4-H Program offers a summer camp every year and this year they wanted to incorporate some Viva Florida 500 components into the nature-based camp. It was decided that we would jointly host an archaeology program at Letchworth-Love Mounds Archaeological State Park for the campers. We included lessons from Project Archaeology and Beyond Artifacts. The campers rotated through various stations and took a tour of the site. The stations included a coil pottery activity, cordage making and atlatl antics. Archaeologists from both SEAC and FPAN also conducted mock excavations in containers where the campers learned to use line levels, record soil types using a Munsell Soil Chart, map their site and record their findings.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives

- Highlight regional heritage tourism destinations of the North Central Region on our blog, “Shovel Bytes” - June-Letchworth-Love Mounds Archaeological State Park; May-Ponce de Leon Hotel; April-White Springs
- Work to ensure that FPAN has a presence at educator conference held throughout the state during the year.
- Continue to develop and present educational and outreach programs to local educational and civic organizations for both adults and youth.
- Promote Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar and other underwater programs and trainings to the dive community in the North Central Region.
- Continue to use social media (Facebook, Twitter and blog) to promote FPAN events and educate the public about current events within the archaeological community.
- Partner with libraries in the North Central Region for “Dig into Reading” events and activities.
- Recruited a new volunteer to help with library summer programs in parts of the North Central and Northwest Regions.
- Continue to attend trainings, conferences and workshops that will improve my ability to meet FPAN’s mission, goals and objectives – attended the Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society and presented paper on Munree Cemetery Project; attended Computer Nitrox Certification Course
4-H Summer Campers learning to use a line level and map an archaeological site at Letchworth-Love Mounds Archaeological State Park during a container excavation activity.