Assistance to DHR: Tidally United: Cultural Resource Shoreline Monitoring and Public Engagement Summit

The Northeast Region hosted the first annual Tidally United: Cultural Resources Shoreline Monitoring and Public Engagement Summit to help kick off Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS Florida). Archaeologists, preservationists, scientists and members of the public from across the state met at Flagler College to discuss the impacts of climate change, most notably sea level rise, on cultural resources including archaeological sites, historic structures and shipwrecks.

Outreach: Timucuan Technology at the YMCA Thingamajig Invention Convention

The Northeast region spoke with over 800 kids at the First Coast YMCA’s Thingamajig Invention Convention. Participants learned about prehistoric technologies including shell and stone tools, and then got the chance to try their hand at throwing darts with atlatls.
Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

• Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs
  o The Northeast Region partnered with the National Park Service to offer a Project Archaeology teacher training at Kingsley Plantation.
  o The Northeast Region collaborated with Project Archaeology for a national launch of Investigating a Light Station.
  o The Northeast Region continued to offer standard Timucuan Technology and Archaeology Works programs at libraries and schools throughout the region.

• Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
  o The Northeast Region established partnerships with the City of Fernandina Beach, Clay and Volusia Counties and the GTM Research Reserve to focus on archaeological monitoring efforts in these areas.
  o The Northeast Region continued to offer volunteer opportunities through the recording project at San Sebastian Cemetery and partnering with the St. Augustine Archaeological Association and the Flagler College Archaeology Club.
  o The Northeast Region participated in the National Park Service Centennial Celebration at the Castillo de San Marcos.

• Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
  o The Northeast Region has collaborated with the entire network on the launch and support of HMS Florida.
  o Sarah Miller has worked with the Southeast and Southwest Regions to aid with programming including CRPTs, the Tidally United summit and Project Archaeology materials.
  o The Northeast Region has partnered with environmental scientists, historic preservationist, planners and other professionals to address climate change and sea level rise impacts on heritage at risk in Florida.