

North Central Region Quarterly Report-July/August/September Barbara A. Hines, RPA Outreach Coordinator

This summer FPAN North Central was very busy visiting libraries throughout the region conducting activities for the youth summer reading program. The 2013 summer reading program theme was "Dig into Reading". During the course of the summer the North Central Regional Office made a total of fourteen visits to libraries in six different counties in the region. During those visits we did activities from both Project Archaeology: Investigating Shelter and Beyond Artifacts. Our most popular activities from Project Archaeology were Lesson 4: Observation and Inference and Lesson 5: Classification. The most popular activities from Beyond Artifacts were the Cookie Excavation, Atlatl Antics, Ancient Graffiti and Garbology. In addition to youth events, often times we were able to pair adult evening lectures with the daytime youth activities.

Progress on 2013 Work Plan Objectives:

- Make more contacts with local governments within the North Central Region- Barbara Hines was appointed as Chairperson of the Wakulla County Historic Preservation Committee.
- Continue to highlight a monthly site on the North Central blog, "Shovel Bytes".
- Conducted an In-Service Training for educators in August at Wakulla Springs State Park.
- Continue to present educational and outreach programs/lectures throughout the region.
- Partnered with libraries throughout the region for "Dig into Reading" summer reading programs.
- Working to ensure that FPAN is represented at educator conferences, currently looking into
 what conferences benefit FPAN the most to figure which ones we should attend annually and
 which ones we should look into attending less frequently.
- Barbara Hines became a certified Compressed Gas Cylinder Visual Inspector (SCUBA Cylinders must be visually inspected annually).



Wakulla County Public Library, "Dig into Reading" Summer Reading Program Event, Cookie Excavations.