

2018 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology

**Calverton Site (18CV22), Calvert County, Maryland
May 25 – June 4, 2018**

Welcome to the 2018 Field Session, sponsored by the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., with the assistance of the Maryland Historical Trust and the Calvert County Department of Community Planning and Building. The information contained in this document should help make your experience enjoyable, informative, and safe.

The 2018 ASM Field Session will be held at the Calverton site. In addition to contributing to an active research program by digging, screening and washing artifacts in the field, participants will have the opportunity to learn about many aspects of archeology through a variety of planned on-site activities and events.

What to Bring

The site is a largely in a wooded open field overlooking Battle Creek and the Patuxent River. As a non-wooded open site, the greatest environmental threat will be from the sun. You should wear comfortable, loose clothing. Long sleeves, trousers, and gloves are recommended. Sturdy shoes or boots are required for protection from sharp tools. Protection from the sun should include sunscreen and a hat, at a minimum.

Major equipment and supplies, including limited drinking water, will be provided. We prefer that participants pack a lunch to minimize off-site time and to avoid interfering with lunchtime activities, such as lectures and workshops. Any tools or equipment needed will be available, but if you wish you may bring and use your own tools. Here is a list of equipment you should consider bringing:

1. Work gloves
2. Insect repellent
3. Rain gear
4. Sunscreen
5. Drinking water
6. Your lunch (!!)
7. Folding chair for lunchtime/lectures
8. CAT book if you intend to fulfill some of the requirements for certification

Information/Sales

A combined information/sales area will be set up each day near the site. Please check in at the information table *each* day when you arrive. Some field equipment, including line levels, Marshalltown trowels, gloves, as well as special 2018 Field Session T-shirts will be available for sale each morning.

Agenda

Fieldwork will be from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM each day with a lunch break from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. **Work will begin at about 10:30 AM on the first day, Friday, May 25th.** Ample on-site parking is available. **Please do not arrive at the site more than ½ hour before the scheduled start time.**

Orientation/safety lectures will be presented at 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM daily (as needed) to introduce new arrivals to the site and field procedures. Every Field Session participant must attend one orientation/safety lecture before participating.

A field lab will be set up under a shade awning on the site with the goal of cleaning and drying as much of the recovered material as possible by the end of the Field Session. Work in the lab provides an alternative for persons wanting a break from digging, from the sun, unable to dig, or missing an orientation.

Educational Opportunities and Special Events

Field Session staff is organizing daily lunchtime lectures. All of these are open to anyone interested. The complete schedule will be posted, as plans are finalized.

Spencer O. Geasey Lecture:

26 May at 7 pm at the Harriet E Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick.

Lunchtime lectures (11:30 – 12:30, on site):

27 May – Maritime Archeology 1 – Troy Nowack

28 May – Maritime Archeology 2 – Troy Nowack

Maritime Archeology Demonstrations:

29, 30 and 31 May - Will run morning and afternoon sessions.

Social:

2 June - Annual Field Session Feast (4:00 till the food is gone, donations going toward food purchases are appreciated.)

Lodging

ASM will NOT be arranging for lodging at the field session. However, there are hotels available nearby that are convenient to the site.

Primitive camping will be available near the site. Small tents and van-sized campers will be permitted at no charge. Please contact Charlie Hall at 410.697.9552, or by email at charles.hall@maryland.gov to get on the camping list. ASM will be providing a porta-pot and hot water field shower for use by campers. Campers should plan to provide their own cooking equipment/utensils, should they decide to prepare breakfast and/or dinner. Open fires are prohibited at the campsite.

In case of inclement weather

Call the following work number to receive a recorded message about the field work if the weather looks bad. Dr. Hall will post a notice on his outgoing voice message by 6:30am if ASM is calling off the day's events. The number to call is 410-697-9552.

Directions to the Calverton Site

Longitude Latitude for GPS: 38.463233, -76.607202

Address for GPS: Street address on Adelina Road varies by mapping program, for Google Maps use 5195, for Mapquest use 5155, Prince Frederick, MD. Long/Lat is best!

Driving from Prince Frederick (MD 4/MD 231 interchange):

Take State route MD 231 (Hallowing Point Rd) west from MD 4. Continue 2.8 miles

Go slight left onto MD 508 (Adelina Rd – Not marked with name) south. Continue 3.7 miles.

At the gate, turn right onto the dirt road and carefully follow signs to site – 1 mile.

Speed limit once you leave the pavement is 5 MPH! Please observe all signs and be considerate of those living in this area. Violators will be sentenced to oyster shell and backfilling duties.