

# 2019 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland

## Archeology

### Billingsley Site (18PR9), Prince George's County, Maryland

### May 24 – June 3, 2019

Welcome to the 2019 Field Session, sponsored by the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., with the assistance of the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The information contained in this document should help make your experience enjoyable, informative, and safe.

The 2019 ASM Field Session will be held at the Billingsley 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 an open field with wooded margins overlooking the Patuxent River. As a largely non-wooded 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. Raingear
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 2019 Field Session T-shirts, and a selection of books on archeology, 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 24th.** 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.

**Evening lecture:** The Spencer Geasey Memorial Lecture will take place at Mount Calvert on Thursday, 30 May from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Stephanie Sperling will lead a tour on a pontoon boat where participants will visit several sites around Jug Bay. Pre-registration is required to guarantee your spot on the boat. Kristin Montaperto will lead tours of the Mount Calvert grounds and museum for those who do not want to go on the boat.

**Lunchtime lectures (12:00 – 1:00, on site):** Saturday 1 June: “Artifacts Are Not Wild Onions” - Rico Newman, member of the Choptico Band of the Piscataway Conoy tribe will talk about humanizing the things we find on American Indian sites

**Social:** 1 June - Annual Field Session Feast at Mount Calvert (4:00 p.m. till the food is gone)

## 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](mailto: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 Billingsley Site**

**Longitude Latitude for GPS:** 38.7958374,-76.7227212

**Address for GPS:** 6900 Green Landing Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**NOTICE: The route suggested by some GPS systems is not correct. While the coordinates and address listed above will display the location, please use the directions listed below to get to the site via Maude Savoy Brown Road:**

The Billingsley House and Museum is accessed from Highway 301 (Crain Highway) just south of Upper Marlboro.

From either the north or south, look for Maude Savoy Brown Road. From this point, the route to the Billingsley House is marked with large white signs.

You will follow Maude Savoy Brown Road until you reach the WSSC Treatment Plant where you will pass through the gate into the plant. Drive up to the gate and personnel will be alerted to open the gate. (Field Session staff will make an effort to ensure that entrance through the WSSC plant is expedited from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. each morning and again at 12:00 p.m. for those who wish to work on an afternoon. Please try to arrive at these times. Exit from the site is easy at any time.)

Keep following the signs through the plant until you reach Green Landing Road. Turn right and follow the road to Billingsley House. Primary parking will be in the lot beyond the wedding tent and secondary parking will be marked with ASM Signs.

**Mount Calvert Historical and Archaeological Park is located at:**

16801 Mount Calvert Road

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

