

2026 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology **Teague's Point (18CH1005), Charles County, Maryland** **May 22 – June 1, 2026**

Welcome to the 2026 Field Session, sponsored by the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., with the assistance of the Maryland Historical Trust and Charles County's Archaeology Program. The information contained in this document should help make your experience enjoyable, informative, and safe.

The 2026 Field Session will be held at the Teague's Point 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 archaeology through a variety of planned on-site activities and events.

What to Bring

The site is situated in an agricultural field overlooking the Patuxent River. While trees shade edges of the site, the greatest environmental threat is still from the sun. Please wear comfortable, loose clothing. Pants (not shorts) 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 or other head covering, 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, like 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 the 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 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, and gloves, as well as special 2026 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 10:30 AM on the first day, Friday, May 22nd.**

Parking is available at the Maxwell Hall Equestrian Park, approximately 2/10th of a mile from the excavation site. **THIS PARKING IS BEHIND A LOCKED FENCE- PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE SITE MORE THAN ½ HOUR BEFORE THE SCHEDULED START TIME.** Signs will indicate the directions from the parking area to the site.

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 in the excavation.

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

Educational Opportunities and Special Events

Evening Lecture: The Spencer Geasey Memorial Lecture will take place at Maxwell Hall on Wednesday 27 May.

Lunchtime Lectures (12:00 – 12:30, on site):

Thursday 28 May: *Early Preservation of Archaeological Finds: Cleaning, Packaging, and Transport* –

Nichole Doub, MAC Lab Head Conservator will provide an overview of best practices for preserving and preparing artifacts for conservation during fieldwork.

Friday 29 May: *Through Piscataway Eyes*–

Francis Gray, Tribal Chairman of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe will provide a discussion on the “Through Piscataway Eyes” Master Plan, which provides a network of authentic interpretive and educational experiences telling the stories of the Piscataway at places within their homeland in Southern Maryland.

Feast and Social:

Saturday 30 May - Annual Field Session Feast at Maxwell Hall - 4:00 p.m.

CAT Survey Opportunities:

There will be opportunities for CAT candidates to earn survey hours later in the week.

Lodging

ASM will NOT be arranging lodging at the field session. However, there are hotels available nearby in La Plata, Waldorf and Prince Frederick.

Limited primitive camping will be available near the site. Small tents and van-sized campers will be permitted. Please contact John Fiveash by email at jsfiveash@marylandarcheology.org to get on the camping list. ASM will be providing a porta-pot and a hot water field shower is available for use by campers. Campers should plan to provide their own cooking equipment (camp stove) and utensils, should they decide to prepare breakfast and/or dinner.

In case of inclement weather

Zac Singer will post a notice on his email auto-response by 6:30am if the day's events are postponed or cancelled due to weather. The email address is Zachary.Singer@maryland.gov. An email to this address will generate a reply with the current status of activity at the site.

Directions to the Teague's Point Site

Longitude Latitude for GPS: 38.529190, -76.697990

Address for GPS: 6680 Maxwell Dr, Hughesville, MD 20637

From MD 5 at Hughesville, MD:

Head east on MD-231 E/Prince Frederic Rd toward Trust Pl.(2.6 miles)

Turn left onto Teague's Point Rd (2.3 miles)

Turn left on Maxwell Dr and follow to the Maxwell Hall Park Equestrian Area. (0.1 mile)

Signs to the parking area will be posted from that point.



Map from MD-231 to Maxwell Hall Equestrian Park