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### Highlight of the Quarter

Northwest Region staff, including the Director, Outreach Coordinator, and Public Archaeology Interns, attended and participated in the annual Society for Historical Archaeology conference, held this year in Leicester, United Kingdom. Staff attended committee and board meetings, presented papers and posters, and represented FPAN at a table in the Bookroom.

NW Region staff raced around the region for Florida Archaeology Month, presenting lectures and children's activities, hosting Archaeology Days, and distributing Archaeology Month posters throughout the ten counties. Our annual Kick-Off event was a new offering – working with Museum Director Mike Thomin, we hosted a Dash Through the Past scavenger hunt race through downtown historic Pensacola. Participants raced to answer questions related to history clues found on monuments and markers in the historic district. Over 40 teams competed for prizes donated by area businesses!

### Progress on Work Plan Objectives

- Partnerships in outreach: Archaeology Month partners included county libraries, state parks, National Parks, and citizen support organizations for parks, as well as West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc.
- Working with DHR to plan the spring HADS workshop in Marathon
- Professional Development: Nicole and Tristan attained Certified Interpretive Guide status through the National Association of Interpreters, staff attended mandatory UWF training
- Teacher In-Service Workshop: presented in Calhoun County
- Conference participation: Society for Historical Archaeology
- Public events: Archaeology Month events in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Calhoun, Bay, and Gulf Counties
- Milton High School Anthropology/Archaeology Class: continued 2012-13 school year, Gregg Harding leading field work, Jess Hendrix identified to take over as thesis project
- FPAN Archaeology Lab: open for spring semester, Tues and Wed 10-4, Nicole Bucchino is lab supervisor
- Service to Host Institutions: attending faculty meetings, selection of graduate students and FPAN Intern, participating on Dive Control Board and Marine Services Committee

- Quarterly Newsletter: produced on time



FPAN staff Joe Grinnan helps kids with the Build-A-Boat activity in Bay County during Archaeology Month.



Cyclists participate in Tour de Fort at Fort Pickens in Gulf Islands National Seashore, an Archaeology Month activity in partnership with the National Park Service.