



North Central Region Quarterly Report

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Quarterly Highlight:

This quarter included Florida Archaeology Month, which occurs every March. This year's theme was the Paleoindian Period. In the North Central Region there are quite a few significant archaeological sites dating to this time period. Recently it had come to my attention that many school children are not aware of the significance of these sites or aware that they exist. Therefore, this Florida Archaeology Month I concentrated the majority of my efforts on reaching out to the youth in this region. I visited several schools and presented a program on the Paleoindian period and accompanied that presentation with an activity either from Beyond Artifacts or Project Archaeology. We also participated in several Florida Archaeology Month events put on by our partners, including Archaeology Discovery Day at the Museum of Florida History.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Continue to support the Florida Division of Historical Resources and the Bureau of Archaeological Research by providing the public with DHR and BAR publications at festivals and other events.
- Continue to use social media to promote FPAN events and make the public aware of relevant issues and information in the news.
- Presented programs at various locations throughout the region and provided hands-on educational opportunities to the public at events throughout the region.
- Attended Dive in Day at the Capitol on the opening day of the 2014 legislative session. This event was coordinated by DEMA and FPAN used this opportunity to promote the shipwreck trails and training opportunities and talked with state representatives about the significance and importance of preserving these sites.
- Continue to utilize student volunteers from the FSU Anthropology Department.

- Working on contacting all of the Tourism Development Councils and Chambers of Commerce within the North Central Region in order to discuss further opportunities to partner with other organizations to boost archaeotourism to destinations within the region.
- Attended the Rural Tourism Summit, hosted by Riverway South at Chipola College.
- Continue to plan and coordinate with outreach staff to ensure that FPAN has a presence at relevant state-wide educator conferences in 2014.
- Continue to act as President of the Panhandle Archaeological Society at Tallahassee, the local FAS Chapter.
- Took over as the Florida Representative for the SAA's PEC Network.
- Working with staff at SEAC/NPS to create a curriculum guide for the Swift Creek Culture.



Students at Woodville Elementary working on their Ancient Graffiti activity from Beyond Artifacts during a FAM



Children's Day at the Museum of Florida History. FPAN and SEAC/NPS had a joint booth where we conducted a hands-on mapping activity.

