



## **Southwest Region- Quarterly Report October to December 2013**

Melissa Timo, Outreach Coordinator  
Joey Belanger, Outreach Specialist  
Mary Buttrey, Administrative Assistant

### **Highlights:**

The Southwest region is proud to announce the addition of four new educational venues to our partners list. Charlotte Academy (Port Charlotte), Caloosa Elementary (Cape Coral), The Village School (Naples), and two home school consortiums requested classroom visits this fall. Finding new partners has been difficult for the Southwest region, but Ms. Timo created new talks and activities to meet these educators' requirements. Topics included historical archaeology/use of government records, Civil War archaeology, underwater archaeology, the archaeology of ancient civilizations, experimental archaeology, and the archaeology of the Calusa.

### **Progress on Work Plan Objectives:**

#### **Public Outreach**

- Offered a kayak paddle to Mound Key in conjunction with the Koreshan State Historic Site staff
- Visited eight classrooms in five schools/homeschool groups in Charlotte, Collier, and Lee Counties.
- Delivered two public lectures
- Presented two youth activities at regional libraries
- Met with directors of youth programming at the Bonita Springs YMCA to establish regular after school/ youth programming, including possible summer camps
- Participated in the Big Cypress National Preserve's annual Swamp Heritage Festival
- Attended Hendry County Heritage Festival in LaBelle, FL

#### **Assistance to Local Governments**

- Met with Mound House staff to discuss archaeology events and programming on Fort Myers Beach.

#### **Support of DHR**

- Began planning with local libraries and heritage organizations Archaeology Month programming
- Attended the annual Trail of Florida Indian Heritage meeting as representative of FPAN

#### **Support of Host Institution**

- Offered expertise and assistance to FGCU Anthropology and Museum Studies programs to establish appropriate lab procedures and processes

#### **Administrative Duties**

- Hired Outreach Specialist Joey Belanger
- Duties associated with the moving and reorganization of the Southwest FPAN office



Koreshan State Historic Site ranger Andy Tetlow talks about recent excavations at Mound Key Archaeological State Park's tallest mound during FPAN's fall kayak paddle.