

Southeast Region

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HIGHLIGHTS

Education Highlight: Summer Archaeology Activity Hour Kits

Due to Covid-19, in person events from July-September had to be cancelled. FPAN SE/SW staff adapted to challenge by developing an intensive one-week online program to introduce students in south Florida to archaeology.

Students were mailed kits for the experience. Over the week long staff led program they studied topics related to archaeology like stratigraphy, and learned methodology for how archaeologists analyze sites. Participants also had fun creating maps of archaeological sites, building boats, and making pottery.

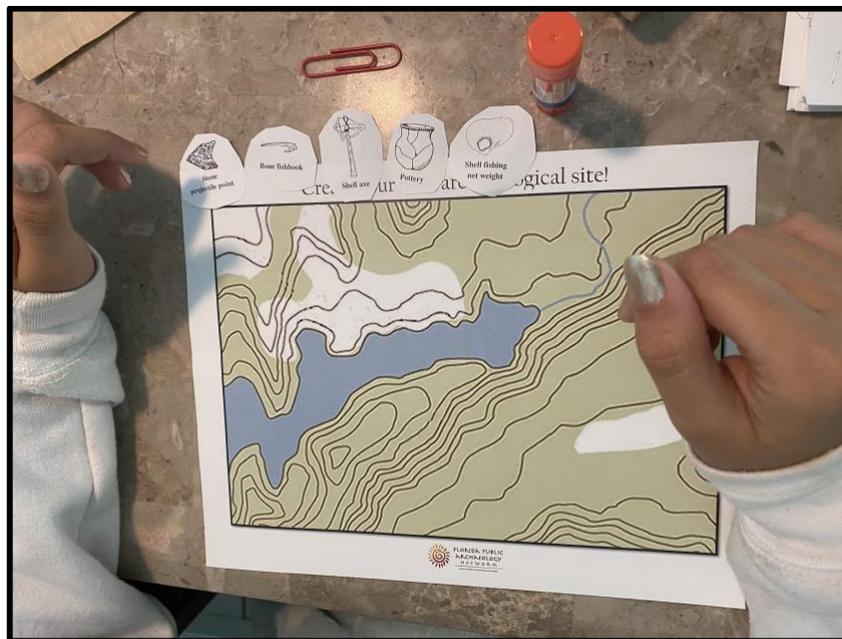


Photo 1: Participant creating her own archaeological site

Support for Host Institution: Welcome New Graduate Assistants, Diana and Winston

This August, FPAN SE welcomed two new FAU graduate students to the team: Diana Hutchison and Winston Miller. Diana Hutchison has a background as a science educator and plans to complete lithic analysis for her graduate work. Winston Miller has completed an internship with NPS in Hawaii, and is interested in emergency planning and management for museums and collections. They are hard at work in south Florida contributing to social media accounts, visiting sites for Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS), and developing their own outreach projects with FPAN.



(Left) Diana Hutchison documents the eroding midden at DuBois Park. (Right) Winston Miller documents eroding midden material at Gumbo Limbo.

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

- Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs
 - FPAN SE/SW Staff have led two virtual HMS programs for interested volunteers
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level

- FPAN SE staff continue to document sites impacted by climate change through the HMS program
- FPAN SE/SW partnered with the University of Florida, the University of Miami, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida to host a collaborative summit for archaeologists, curators, and community members working in South Florida. Over 70 people nationwide attended.
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
 - SE/SW Regional Director Sara Ayers-Rigsby completed a summer course for the National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation (NNOCCI).