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CAA Visitors Center

April 25 – November 19, 2017
Tuesday—Friday 10am – 5pm;
Saturday: 10am – 4pm;
Sunday: 12 – 4pm

Admission is free; donations are encouraged and much appreciated. Your dollars support our efforts to share the world of archaeology with students from across the country and around the world.

Group Tours: Guided tours of our exhibits and/or excavation site, conducted by our staff of professionals, are available *by appointment only* for groups of 10 or more. Guided tours are available seasonally, and should be booked at least one month in advance. Contact our office for details:
618-653-4316 or
caa@caa-archeology.org.

Tour buses are welcome!
Please plan a trip and stop by!

Field Schools are Underway



Students from across the United States have converged on Kampsville for the first week of ASU and high school field school. Students will be busy excavating at the Golden Eagle site and working in CAA labs. There will be 4 weeks of high school field school followed by 4 weeks of adult field school. The ASU field school extends through the next five weeks. Both the high school and adult field school have a record number of enrollees this year.

CAA Museum & Visitor Center

The CAA Museum is open for the season. This year we have added a fun exhibit about the Illinois River and its role in human culture from prehistoric times until today. Learn about how it was formed, how it has been altered by humans, how it is used for transportation, and what resources have been gathered through the ages. The exhibit is designed for all ages to enjoy so stop in for a visit. Our gift shop has some new items this year. Be sure to check out our new zip up hoodies, hats, travel mugs, and lanyards both online or in the store. Another addition this season comes from our friends in the Calhoun Art Guild (CAG). We have invited the members of the CAG to consign their handcrafted artworks in our museum gift shop. We have a lovely assortment of carved gourds, jewelry, ceramics, pictures, and carved wood items. These items are only available in the store and more are due to be added soon. Please come for a visit and support our mission of education, research, and stewardship.



2017 Field School

June 11—July 22
ASU Field School

June 11—July 8
High School Field School

July 9—August 5
Adult Field School



"U.S. Army Corps of Engineers photo of Veterans Curation Program Assistant Lab Manager, Megan Schwalenberg

Megan Schwalenberg, CAA field school alumna, returned to the CAA this summer for a few days to help get the field school crew up and running. Megan is currently working in Georgia. Here's what our latest Legacy Corner member had to say about the CAA. *What field school did you attend at CAA and when were you in Kampsville?* I attended the Arizona State University Field School, Bioarchaeology and Human Osteology Lab track in the Summer of 2012. I returned as a Teaching Assistant in 2013 and as the Lab Director from 2014 – 2016. *What was your experience like with it?* The field school was one of the best experiences of my undergraduate career! It was an incredibly hot summer

and it only rained twice during the entire 6 weeks. I learned so much about the field of bioarchaeology and forged friendships with my classmates, many of whom I am still close with today. *Did field school here help with your endeavors after college?* Absolutely! It solidified my love of bioarchaeology and led me to pursue my master's degree in biological anthropology at North Carolina State University. The large Kampsville alumni network I became a part of has helped me in my search for graduate programs, job opportunities, and other professional endeavors. *What is your current occupation?* I am an Assistant Laboratory Manager at the Veterans Curation Program (VCP) in Augusta, Georgia. The VCP provides veterans with tangible skills and civilian work experience through the rehabilitation and preservation of archaeological collections owned or administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. *Would you refer the CAA to other students?* I would recommend the CAA to any budding archaeologists and bioarchaeologists! The experience I gained from the field schools as well as the long-lasting friendships I made are just a couple reasons why I returned to Kampsville for 5 years.

Past Lifeways



April showers brought May flooding to Kampsville, but we also had visits from school groups taking part in our Past Lifeways program. Thanks to some generous donations purchased from our Amazon wish list, we have been able to expand some of our activities and make them safe and fun such as fire starting and flintknapping. We also included students in planting our garden. Each student who attends our programs is part of the CAA Legacy. To acknowledge this, we give them a legacy pin to remind them of their time in Kampsville.



Students learn the craft of basket weaving.



Many find it very challenging to use an atlatl.



The 2017 Flintknapping Workshop was a success with both returning knappers and a few new faces. The weather was cool and perfect for creek and knapping. Participants looked for chert, learned about selecting quality chert, heat treated, and made a number of stone tools over the course of a week. A photo documentation of the week is available on the CAA Facebook page for those wishing to see more of the action.



Fall Education Programing

As we look to fall, we are making some plans to create a more portable version of activities in order to reach more students.



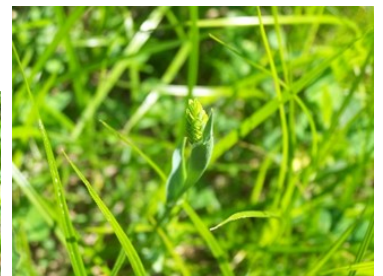
School budgets and bus scheduling often make it difficult for schools to come to us. In light of the current challenges, we are working to find the most effective ways to go to them with programs that fit in with the NGSS and Common Core standards teachers need to meet throughout the year. If you know of a teacher who might have interest in our programs, let them know about the in school option and tell them to contact us. If you want to help us in this endeavor, please check out our wish list items.

EAC Garden

We planted the seeds and crossed our fingers and we are happy to report that we have some maygrass, sumpweed, chenopodium, and erect knotweed growing! We will be able to collect seed for the seed bank and for another planting next year. We also have some wild squash plants growing planted by Rogers Park 6th graders in early May. Dry weather and very tough soil have slowed down our ambitions for this year a little bit, but progress has been made and we will continue to work towards an expanded interpretive garden. Be sure to follow the progress on our Facebook page in the EAC Garden album or visit us on Archeology Day and take a tour.



Sump Weed
Iva annua



Maygrass
Phalaris caroliniana



Erect Knotweed
Phalaris caroliniana

Kampsville School Renovations

Things are coming along nicely with the school renovations. The CAA has finished the lecture hall, two labs are in use and the gym is being used as the dining room. Thanks to all those who have given generously of the time and resources to make this happen. There are still more renovations to be completed. We are in need of donors for the other areas. If you would like to assist the CAA in refinishing the school please contact us at (618) 653-4316.

CAA Resources

CAA Website & Email:

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Choose the Center for American Archeology as your charity. Your purchase of eligible items will generate a 0.5% donation to the CAA!

eScrip Community Cards:

www.escrip.com

In the greater St. Louis metro area, pick up a Community Card at Schnucks Markets, and/or register your debit or credit card and choose the CAA as your charity. For a complete list of participating merchants, visit escrip.com. The CAA's eScrip ID# is 500030324.

Museum Quest

Bring kids 12 and under to the museum for our Museum Quest. All participants are entered in a drawing for a free kids t-shirt.

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Explore Illinois Archaeology!
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Saturday, July 15

10 AM—4 PM

Kampsville, IL

Wigwam building

Clay Pot Making

Gourd Painting

Artifact identification

Fire Starting

Garden Walk

Site Tour

Lectures

Basket Weaving

Flintknapping

Weaving

Hide Tanning

McCully Heritage

Project

Tree House

Wildlife Center

Sierra Club

Cahokia Mounds

...and more

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