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for adults, youth, and teachers

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For more information on these and other events,
contact MVAC's main office at 608.785.8463
or check MVAC's website at:

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Public Lectures

At the Crossroads of Europe: Pecica-Santul Mare (Romania) and the Rise of Bronze Age Civilization

The Carpathian Basin lies at the nexus of major trade routes connecting the Mediterranean to the North Sea and the vast Eurasian steppes to western Europe. Consequently, it has long played a critical role in the innovation and spread of new ideas and technologies. One such pivotal period was the Early Bronze Age, when the region acted as a principal hub for the production and trade of valuable goods, especially metals. At this time, the fortified tell settlement of Pecica-Șanțul Mare (Romania) emerged not only as an economic center, but also developed complex social, political, and ritual institutions, foreshadowing transformations that become hallmarks of later Bronze Age civilizations. Dr. Amy Nicodemus is an Assistant Professor in the UWL Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, and an MVAC Research Associate.

Date: Tuesday, April 18

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: 3310 Student Center, UWL

Speaker: Dr. Amy Nicodemus

Great Lakes Shipwrecks of Wisconsin

Dive into the history hidden beneath the waves with Wisconsin Historical Society's maritime archaeologist, Tamara Thomsen. Explore Wisconsin's Great Lakes shipwrecks through underwater video, historic photographs and archaeological discoveries! Learn how the Wisconsin Historical Society documents these time capsules of our maritime past.

Date: Thursday, November 2

Time: Social 6:30 PM, Awards 7 PM,
Lecture 7:30 PM

Location: 3310 Student Center, UWL

Speaker: Tamara Thomsen

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance for youth and teen events may be available. For more information, contact MVAC at 608.785.8454 or jdowiasch@uwlax.edu.

Public Events

Artifact Show

Come to Valley View Mall and see artifacts representing the area's long history. Local collectors will display their personal collections, and MVAC staff will bring artifacts recovered from local excavations. Archaeologists will be on hand to answer questions. Bring in your own artifacts for help in their identification. Call MVAC at 608.785.8454 or e-mail Jean Dowiasch (jdowiasch@uwlax.edu) if you would like to display your artifacts.

Date: Saturday, March 4

Time: 10 AM–5 PM

Location: Valley View Mall, La Crosse

Wisconsin Archaeology Month

A variety of activities will be offered throughout the state during May to introduce the public to Wisconsin's long and rich cultural past. For a complete list of activities check out the Wisconsin Historical Society's web site at <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/> and type "Archaeology Month" in Search.

Dates: May 2017

More Information

Contact MVAC at 608.785.8463 or e-mail mvac@uwlax.edu for more information on these and other MVAC programs.

Volunteer Field Survey Opportunity for MVAC Members

MVAC will celebrate Wisconsin Archaeology Month by involving volunteers in surveys of local fields to find unreported archaeological sites. The day will begin with an introduction at the archaeology laboratory, followed by helping with an actual field survey. Participants will end the day back at the lab to wash the artifacts recovered and learn more about their history. The number of participants is limited, so register early. Children may participate if accompanied by an adult. E-mail or call MVAC at jdowiasch@uwlax.edu or 608.785.8454 to register.

Advance registration required!

Date: Saturday, May 6 (rain date: Saturday, May 13)

Time: 8:30 AM–4 PM

Location: Archaeology Center & Laboratory, UWL

Fee: Free admission for MVAC members

Field School Open House

See what the MVAC Public Field School participants have been doing this summer! Stop by on Thursday, July 20, between 10 AM and 2 PM. Check MVAC's website for updated information at: mvac.uwlax.edu. Call MVAC at 608-785-6473 or e-mail mvac@uwlax.edu for more information.

Date: Thursday, July 20

Time: 10 AM–2 PM

Location: TBD

Youth Events

Arrowheads, Rocks & Dinosaurs: grades 4–6

What's the difference between a geologist, archaeologist and paleontologist? You'll find out by taking this introduction to the sciences. Check out real artifacts and fossils from Wisconsin and learn about past people, dinosaurs, rocks and the earth. Hands-on activities emphasized. Cancellations prior to June 30 will receive a full refund minus a \$40 cancellation fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 30.

Date: Monday, July 17

Time: 9 AM–3 PM

Location: 312 Wimberly Hall, UWL

Age: Students entering grades 4–6

Fee: \$80

Note: Bring a lunch, drink, snacks,
water bottle

Program Number: 81-43

Introduction to Archaeology - grades 5-9

Explore MVAC's Archaeology Lab and work with artifacts recovered from area excavations as an introduction to the science of archaeology. Discover how the first Native Americans in Wisconsin survived using the area's natural resources. Students *must* take this class in order to attend the Middle School Field Experience. This program takes place in the classroom. It does not include excavation activities. Cancellations prior to June 30 will receive a full refund minus a \$40 cancellation fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 30.

Date: Tuesday, July 18

Time: 9 AM–3 PM

Location: 312 Wimberly Hall, UWL

Age: Students entering grades 5–9

Fee: \$80

Note: Bring a lunch, drink, snacks,
water bottle

Program Number: 81-41

Field Schools

Middle School Field Experience - grades 5–9

Take your excitement for archaeology into the field! Students who have taken MVAC's *Introduction to Archaeology* class in the past can join a La Crosse area project. Participants will work alongside professional archaeologists in the field. Activities may include shovel testing or small-scale excavations. Weather may require alternate activities. Cancellations prior to June 30 will receive a full refund minus an \$80 cancellation fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 30.

Dates: Wednesday–Thursday, July 19–20

Time: 9 AM–3 PM

Location: 312 Wimberly Hall, UWL

Age: Students entering grades 5–9

Fee: \$200

Note: Bring a lunch, drink, snacks, water bottle, insect repellent, sunscreen. Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothes that can get dirty.

Prerequisite: MVAC's *Introduction to Archaeology* class

Program Number: 81-42

Public Archaeology Field Schools (3 and 5 day experiences) – high school/adult

This multi-day field and lab experience is a well-rounded opportunity for those who want to learn about the process of archaeology. Work alongside professional archaeologists on an actual archaeological excavation and survey work. Lab work may include washing and sorting ceramics, stone tools, and other remains. An experimental archaeology component may explore making stone tools and using an atlatl (spearthrower). Optional lab hours and local field trips will be available after regular field school hours. No previous experience is necessary.

This experience is open to high-school students through adults. Fee includes a one-year MVAC membership. Supervised dorm facilities are available for high school students at an additional cost of \$225 for 3 days and \$335 for 5 days. Cancellation prior to June 16 will receive a full refund minus a \$100 cancellation fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 16.

Registration

Registration for fee events is administered through the Continuing Education Office, 205 Morris Hall, UW-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 54601. For more information, contact Karen McGarvey at 608.785.6500. To register online, go to: www.uwlax.edu/conted/archaeology-workshops/

To reserve a table for the Artifact Show or attend the Public Field Survey, contact Jean Dowiasch at jdowiasch@uwlax.edu or 608.785.8454.



Three-Day Experience

Dates: Mon.–Wed., July 17–19

Time: July 17: 9 AM–5 PM;

July 18–19: 7 AM–3:30 PM

Location: 3110 Student Center, UWL

Fee: \$350

Program Number: 81-44

Five-Day Experience

Dates: Mon.–Fri., July 17–21

Time: July 17: 9 AM–5 PM;

July 18–21: 7 AM–3:30 PM

Location: 3110 Student Center, UWL

Fee: \$500

Program Number: 81-45