

We are fortunate to live here.

Not only do we enjoy an excellent quality of life and beautiful scenery, the Upper Mississippi Valley is rich in history and artifacts. Under the streets we walk on every day are remnants of people who lived here a thousand years ago. We are learning more about these prehistoric people from remnants of their lives - fragments of pottery, tools, drawings in caves, which help us piece together what life might have been like in this region.

Unfortunately, hundreds of archaeological sites are destroyed each year. These habitation sites are not a renewable resource. Once they are gone, these resources are gone forever.

More than twenty years ago, area residents who were committed to discovering and preserving our past came together to create the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center. This organization was founded on the belief that when we examine the way past people lived, we will have more understanding of who we are today, and can make better decisions about our future.

We can't do it alone - we need your help. Please consider becoming a supporting member of MVAC.

Archaeology is the study of past human life as revealed by the artifacts left by ancient people.



MVAC's mission is to:

- ◆ *Provide education about the science of archaeology and the ancient cultures of the upper Mississippi Valley*
- ◆ *Conduct research and exploration of archaeological sites and artifacts*
- ◆ *Preserve archaeological artifacts of past cultures that flourished within the upper Mississippi Valley;*
- ◆ *Sponsor a regional center to promote an understanding of the prior inhabitants of this region.*



BECOME A MEMBER



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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES



Support the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center





MVAC — What we do:

MVAC's public awareness campaigns and educational programs help promote the preservation of significant sites and artifacts. We also work closely with municipal governments, private developers and regional Native American Tribes, particularly the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Public Presentations

Each year a variety of interesting guest speakers share their discoveries from all over the world. In addition, MVAC archaeologists travel throughout the upper Midwest giving more than 200 presentations each year.

Archaeology in Schools

We help students of all ages to better appreciate the diversity of human culture through field trips, presentations, resource materials and teacher training. This type of education prepares students to be ethical decision-makers and responsible stewards of resources for the next generation.



Summer Programs for Youth

Our hands-on approach makes the study of archaeology fun, allowing elementary and middle school students the opportunity to discover how past people lived, including how stone tools and pottery were made. Young people enjoy learning the process of archaeology and getting acquainted with the Archaeology Lab. They also have opportunities to try their hands at excavations.

Field Schools

At MVAC, we believe in learning by doing. Each year, dozens of middle and high school students, adults and teachers experience a real excavation. They spend anywhere from three days to two weeks working side by side with professional archaeologists, helping to discover and preserve the past.

Exhibits

MVAC sponsors many exhibits to teach people about the early history of the Upper Mississippi Valley. Our ongoing exhibits are located at:

- ◆ The Archaeology Building, Murphy Library and Wimberly Hall on the UW-L Campus
- ◆ Riverside Museum in Riverside Park in La Crosse
- ◆ Perrot State Park Nature Center in Trempealeau
- ◆ South Side Community Center in La Crosse
- ◆ Fort Crawford Museum in Prairie du Chien

Tours

When possible, visitor days are held so that the public can view an excavation in progress. Guided tours are also given at other significant archaeological sites.

Research

MVAC's staff is recognized their excellence in research and academic achievement. Through our affiliation with UW-La Crosse's Archaeological Studies program, we are able to offer training and research opportunities for students pursuing a career in archaeology.

What can you do?

Volunteer

Volunteers assist MVAC in a variety of capacities, depending on their level of interest and expertise. On field surveys, volunteers help staff look for artifacts. Artifact enthusiasts are invited to share their collections with the public at our annual artifact show. Volunteers trained in field techniques can assist MVAC staff with rescue operations.

Why Join?

MVAC depends on membership from people like you to help us continue our mission - to study and preserve our past. As a member of MVAC, you will receive our newsletter *Archaeology News*. This newsletter will keep you up to date on MVAC's activities, events and new discoveries. In addition, you will receive invitations to "members only" events.



Please join now and help us discover and preserve our past.

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Check out our web site for more information and upcoming events.

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Membership Form

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Please notify us if you can increase the value of your gift through your employer's matching gift plan.

Membership Categories

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