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## Timucuan Preserve/Kingsley Plantation News Release

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### **Archaeology Day at Kingsley Plantation**

Ever wonder how archaeologists make sense of the past? Learn more at the Archaeology Day at Kingsley Plantation on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Visitors will see archaeologists at work in two areas of the site – the slave quarters and near the plantation house. Archaeologists will explain the process of archaeology while the work is underway. Sponsored by the National Park Service, Florida Public Archaeology Network, and the University of Florida's Department of Anthropology, this event is free and open to the public.

According to Timucuan Preserve Superintendent Barbara Goodman, "This is a rare opportunity to see archaeologists at work. Archaeologists provide a window into the past, locating the tangible pieces of American history while helping put together the story of the people who lived at the plantation." Archaeologists will be happy to answer questions about their work, Ms. Goodman added.

### **Schedule of Events for Saturday, June 6, 2009**

- 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.    Interactive Archaeology Booth  
*Florida Public Archaeology Network & Park Staff*
- 12:00 p.m.            Guided Walk at the Slave Quarters Archaeological Site  
*Karen McIlvoy, Graduate Student in Archaeology, University of Florida*
- 1:00 p.m.             Sugar Mill Update  
*Dr. James Davidson, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African American Studies, University of Florida*
- 2:00 p.m.             Archaeologists at Work – Guided Walk at the Slave Quarters Archaeological Site  
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The **Florida Public Archaeology Network** will present a table of information and artifacts about archaeology in northeast Florida. Visitors can learn more about the tools and process of archaeology, and view historical photographs of Kingsley Plantation that help archaeologist plan their work at the site. More information is available at <http://www.staugustineparc.com/>

**Dr. James Davidson** is Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African American Studies at the University of Florida. His research interests include historical archaeology, African Diaspora, mortuary studies, and folk beliefs. This is the third year he has directed a field school at Kingsley Plantation. Visit his webpage at <http://web.anthro.ufl.edu/faculty/Davidson.shtml>

**Karen McIlvoy** is a graduate teaching assistant for the 2009 field school. She will explain her projects and take visitors on a walk of the slave quarters excavation site.

**Archaeologists** from the University of Florida Anthropology Department are completing a six week field school at Kingsley Plantation during May and June 2009. This public day provides a chance to see archaeologists at work.

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Kingsley Plantation is a 60-acre unit of the 46,000-acre Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve in Jacksonville, Florida, which is managed by the National Park Service. It is named for Zephaniah Kingsley, who – with his African wife Anna – owned and operated a 1,000-acre plantation there during the first half of the nineteenth century.

Today, the public can visit the grounds, which include the oldest standing plantation house in Florida, the kitchen, barn, and waterfront. The still-standing remains of 25 slave cabins offer perhaps the most graphic evidence of slave living quarters and daily life experiences in the state.

Located off Heckscher Drive/A1A north of the St. Johns River ferry landing, Kingsley Plantation is open daily, at no charge, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 904.251.3537, or go to <http://www.nps.gov/timu> on the Internet.

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