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Destination Archaeology! - Saturday, January 9th, 2010
Free Events and Activities for the Whole Family at Kingsley Plantation

Dr. James Davidson and other archaeologists from the University of Florida and University of North Florida will present programs at *Destination Archaeology*, a festival of free events and activities for the whole family at Kingsley Plantation north of Jacksonville. The event opens at 10 am with activity tables and information booths staffed by archaeologists throughout the region and heritage partners, such as Florida Trust for Historic Preservation and the Lighthouse Archaeology Maritime Program.

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. Today, the public can visit the grounds, which includes the oldest standing plantation house in Florida, the kitchen, barn, slave quarters and waterfront. The park is located off Heckscher Drive/A1A, north of the St. Johns River ferry landing.

Destination Archaeology is the official Public Day event for the Society of Historical Archaeology's 2010 annual conference to be held at Amelia Island. The Society is a professional organization of archaeologists dedicated to promoting scholarly research and dissemination of knowledge concerning historical archaeology. For more information, call 904-819-6498, e-mail aweiss@flagler.edu or go to <http://www.fpannortheast.org/programs.cfm> on the internet.

Schedule for Saturday, January 9, 2010:

Hands-On Activities 10 am – 3 pm

Cabin Fever: Kingsley Excavation Tarp
Virtual Florida Fieldtrip Station
Dining out in the Year 1 BC
Tequesta and Jega Plant Remains

Mystery Cemetery Activity
Maritime Boat Building Demonstration
Education/Information Displays
...and more!

Lectures

- 11:00 am Archaeology of Kingsley Plantation
Dr. James Davidson, University of Florida
- 11:30 am Archaeological Research at the Mission San Juan del Puerto 1587-1702
Rebecca D. Gorman, University of Florida
- 1:00 pm Current Research by University of North Florida Students:

-*Nicole Bishop* – Black Drink; It’s Not the Caffeine
-*Michael Foster* – Corn from the Mission Santa Cruz de Guadalquini
-*Michael Stull* – Pilijiriba: The Last Native Settlement in the Mocama
Provence

1:30 pm Tale of Two Forts: The Search for Fort Caroline
Dr. Robert Thunen, University of North Florida

Guided Tours of the Archaeological Site

12:00 pm Led by Dr. James Davidson, University of Florida
2:00 pm Encore guided tour by University of Florida Graduate Students

Event Partners: National Park Service, Society for Historical Archaeology, University of North Florida, University of Florida, Florida Public Archaeology Network, Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Lighthouse Archaeology Maritime Program, St. Augustine Archaeology Association, and Flagler College.

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