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Monarch Tagging Program at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park September 22, 2007

Hopewell Culture National Historical Park would like to invite the public to a fun morning running after monarchs! Tagging involves placing a tiny sticker on the lower wing of captured monarchs. The program is in conjunction with the University of Kansas Monarch Watch, and the goal is to gather information on the location of monarch's initial capture to its final destination. This information is used to determine flight paths of migrating monarchs, weather influences on migration, survival rates, migration timing and overall population size.

Participants in the program will be given a brief description on the incredible migration undertaken by monarchs, proper identification of the monarch butterfly, and the tagging process. Nets will be provided by the park for the capture of the monarchs. Park staff and qualified volunteers will help participants in the actual tagging process and release of the butterflies. This is a great opportunity to join the park in helping preserve and better understand the monarch butterfly.

Anyone interested in participating in this exciting program should meet at 10:00am in the parking lot of the Hopewell Mound site at Sulphur Lick Road. Long pants are recommended for this event. For additional information or directions to Hopewell Mound Group, please call the park at 740-774-1126.