



Savannah River Archaeological Research Program

January - February 2006



Safety and Security

The January morning meeting with SRARP staff discussed potential health hazards of exposure to cold, the symptoms, and ways to protect against cold-related health problems. Discussed were frostbite, hypothermia and ways to recognize the hazards concerning each. Protection against these hazards was also talked about, such as dressing for conditions and regular breaks in warm areas.

The February safety presentation discussed eyestrain and ways to prevent it. Since computer users are particularly susceptible to eyestrain the topic stressed relieving eyestrain by applying ergonomic solutions. Adjusting the computer monitor level to at or below eye-level, reducing screen glare, and refocus your eyes periodically looking away from your computer screen are ways to prevent eyestrain.

Site Compliance

Per regulatory agreements, the SRARP continued conducting preliminary reviews and archaeological surveys for proposed ground-disturbing activities on the SRS. During the months of January and February, the SRARP continued or completed compliance activities for the following projects:

- Site Use Review: In January and February, the SRARP staff reviewed four new Site Use Applications for potential ground-disturbing activities that might impact archaeological resources.
- Timber Compartment 85 Log Decks: SRARP staff members completed the survey of eight proposed log decks in timber compartment 85. This resulted in the identification and recordation of one, lithic debitage artifact.
- Site Use 1837: SRARP staff members completed the survey of two proposed monitoring wells and their associated access roads in timber compartment nine. This resulted in the relocation of one previously recorded archaeological site.
- Timber Compartment 12: SRARP staff members completed the survey of three stands and one Carolina Bay in timber compartment 12. In total, 56 acres were surveyed. This resulted in the identification of one new historic home site, one artifact occurrence and the revisit of one historic/prehistoric archaeological site.

Per regulatory agreements, SRARP staff continued to disseminate information to the general public and to the historic preservation community.

- During January and February we continued our education activities throughout the CSRA. January marked the second month of our You be the Archaeologist program at the Ruth Patrick Science

Center at USC-Aiken. In January students from J.D. Lever Elementary, two groups from Aiken Elementary, Midland Valley Prep, and a local home school participated in the mock dig.

- In February, we moved our You be the Archaeologist program back to the Silver Bluff Audubon Center near Jackson. We had four classes from Greenbrier Elementary visit Silver Bluff to participate in the program.
- A growing trend in area schools is the development of a science day. Two schools held science day events in January and February. An SRARP archaeologist presented the Discovering Archaeology program for science day activities at North Augusta Elementary and Merriwether Elementary both in South Carolina.
- The Discovering Archaeology program continues to be our most popular program. January and February saw presentations at North Harlem Elementary in Georgia and Warrentonville Elementary in South Carolina. Remember that if you have a child whose teacher would be interested in a visit from an SRARP archaeologist be sure to pass along our contact information.
- Finally, we presented two adult programs. One was here on site to the folks in the H-Area Tank Farm. We gave a special talk on why we do archaeology here on site as well as the types of sites we find. The talk also included some information on the former towns of Ellenton and Dunbarton. The second adult talk was for the Mens Group at Grace Methodist Church in North Augusta. The talk was similar to the one for H-Tank Farm, but with more emphasis on the historic towns. Many of the participants were current or former SRS employees who enjoyed the lecture on our activities.



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