



Savannah River Archaeological Research Program

May and June 2006



Safety and Security

The staff of the SRARP discussed the importance of knowing what to do in case of a lightening storm during our May meeting. The SRARP's June safety meeting dealt with Lyme Disease. The basics of Lyme disease – what it is, how it is transmitted, the symptoms to look for, and how it prevent being infected were discussed.

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 May and June, the SRARP continued or completed compliance activities for the following projects:

- Site Use Review: In May and June, the SRARP staff reviewed three new Site Use Applications for potential ground-disturbing activities that might impact archaeological resources.
- Timber Compartment 18: SRARP personnel surveyed an 18-acre stand in timber compartment 18. This resulted in the identification and recordation of one, new archaeological site.
- Timber Compartment 26: SRARP staff continued delineating several archaeological sites in timber compartment 26.
- Timber Compartment 76 Log Decks: SRARP personnel began surveying four proposed log decks in timber compartment 76. This lead to the relocation of three previously identified archaeological sites.
- Site Use Log 1848: As part of a review of three proposed monitoring wells in timber compartment 9, SRARP staff revisited a historic house site.
- Site Use Log 1849: SRARP personnel surveyed the proposed location for a new road in timber compartment 5. This resulted in the revisit of one, previously recorded, historic house site. Accordingly, field crew personnel excavated 67 shovel test pits to determine the site's subsurface integrity.

Per regulatory agreements, SRARP staff continued to disseminate information to the general public and to the historic preservation community. During May and June, staff members from the SRARP participated in a variety of public education programs, such as professional meetings, summer camps, community events, Science Days, and our own regular school programs.

- SRARP archaeologists attend two professional meetings in May and June. Adam King presented his work at the Mississippian Iconography Workshop at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Tammy Herron presented a paper on our work on the Galphin site at the Ulster-American Heritage Symposium in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- On June 13th and 14th George Wingard, Robert Moon, and Christopher Thornock attended Westinghouse's safety conference at the University of South Carolina – Aiken. SRARP staff members visited the many diverse displays presented and the SRARP's display on underwater archaeology was very well received. The SRARP looks forward to attending next year's conference.
- With summer here, summer camps were in full swing during May and June. This year we chose to forgo a pure archaeological summer camp and instead work with other organizations to incorporate archaeology as part of their camps. We did archaeology related programs with kids in the Phinizy Swamp Nature camp where they devoted a whole day to history and archaeology including grave rubbings and pottery making with clay collected at Phinizy Swamp. We also participated in the Coca-Cola Summer Camp at Silver Bluff where campers worked on making pottery with traditional Native American designs.
- We also had a first grade student program at Clearwater Elementary Science Day and gave a talk to the Savannah Chapter of the Sierra Club.
- Finally, we had special programs or displays at the Phinizy Swamp Family Discovery Series, the Augusta Archaeology Society *Archaeology Day* at the Harris House in Augusta, the Ellenton Reunion, and DOE – Bring Your Children to Work Day held in 730-B.



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