



Savannah River Archaeological Research Program



September-October 2006

Safety and Security

The SRARP's October safety topic covered poisonous plants. Included were photos of Poison Oak and Ivy and we also discussed how to avoid contact. Finally several ointments and lotions were discussed that can help to eliminate symptoms from contact with these poisonous plants.

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 September and October, the SRARP continued or completed compliance activities for the following projects:

- Site Use Review: In September and October, the SRARP staff reviewed three new Site Use Applications for potential ground-disturbing activities that might impact archaeological resources.
- Site Use Log 1852: SRARP personnel finished surveying the second of two proposed research buffers. In total, 120 shovel test pits were dug covering an area of approximately 30 acres. No new archaeological sites were encountered.
- Site Use Log 1861: SRARP staff members are currently engaged in surveying Site Use Log 1861 near H-Area. So far, this has resulted in the identification and recordation of one, bifacially worked, lithic tool.
- Timber Compartment 41 Log Decks: SRARP personnel continue surveying the locations of seven proposed log decks in timber compartment 41. As a result, one previously unidentified prehistoric site was recorded.

Per regulatory agreements, SRARP staff continued to disseminate information to the general public and to the historic preservation community. During September and October our education focus returned to programs for local school class. Most of our programs were at the Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary near Jackson, South Carolina.

- September and October are usually busy months for public education at the SRARP and this year was no exception. We continued and expanded our involvement with the Silver Bluff Audubon Center and the newly formed Science Technology Enrichment Program (STEP). In conjunction with STEP at Silver Bluff, we conducted the *You be the Archaeologist* program for 15 classes from a variety of CSRA schools. The classes included fourth and fifth grade students from Freedom Park Elementary, Wheelless Road Elementary, Greenbrier Elementary, Augusta Prep and St. Mary's in Aiken.

- In addition to the archaeology program, students from Aiken Elementary participated in an archaeological navigation program at Silver Bluff. This program teaches students how to use a compass and includes an activity where the students navigate their way through the woods gathering archaeological clues along the way.
- Besides our Silver Bluff programs, archaeologists from SRARP visited with students at the Episcopal Day School in Augusta where seventh graders participated in the “dig box” program. Additionally we had a display at the Augusta Preparatory Day School Fall carnival held just before Halloween.
- Displays are always popular in the fall and we had displays at the DOE Multicultural Day held on site and at the Science Education Enrichment Day (SEED) at the Ruth Patrick Center at USC-Aiken.
- Finally, we did spend some time with adults. We gave talks to two adult groups in October. One was for the 2006 Leadership Aiken class on prehistoric archaeology and we also did a talk for the North Augusta chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on the Mississippian Indians.



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