



## Archaeology News

- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*



May 2009

- **Outreach to Cub Scouts**-On April 19, Cathy Carson gave a presentation about Archaeology to Cub Scout Pack 4071 at O'Bannon Woods State Park in Harrison County. The scouts were 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Ramsey, IN. The kids were particularly excited to learn that Wyandotte chert, one of the most heavily utilized chert sources during the prehistory of the Midwest, occurs right in "their very own backyard." They were also very interested in learning about the archaeological work that had been done in the vicinity.



Some of the young people who attended the archaeology presentation at O'Bannon Woods.

- **Reminder**- If you are interested in Archaeology Month t-shirts, the 2008 shirts are still available for purchase. The shirts are now available for the very affordable price of only \$ 5.00 each! Since it is uncertain if Archaeology Month shirts will be produced this year, don't miss your chance to get one from last year, while they last. For those who will be conducting archaeological field schools within the next few months, why not consider t-shirts as a great way to say thanks to volunteers or dig participants? To see the shirts, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4289.htm>. You may call 317/232-4200 if you would like to purchase last year's shirt. As always, we appreciate your continued support and interest in Indiana Archaeology Month.



- **Outreach in Floyd County**- On Thursday, April 2, State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones presented a talk titled "History and Archaeology of Historic Native American Groups in Indiana," hosted by the Southern Indiana Genealogical Society. The talk was at 7:00 P.M. at the New Albany Floyd County Public Library, New Albany, Indiana.



- **Inquisitive Kids outreach**- DHPA archaeologists have continued with their presentations to various schools in the Indianapolis area as part of their outreach activities for *Inquisitive Kids*. Laura Black spoke with third graders on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Creek Elementary. Cathy Draeger was at Deer Run Elementary on April 9<sup>th</sup> and spoke with several classes of fifth graders. Events such as these allow our staff to interact with young people regarding the importance of archaeology.



Students at Eastbrook Elementary holding artifacts and a trowel. Cathy Carson visited with the students in this class.

- **Indiana Archaeology Month**- Information has been distributed regarding hosting an event during this year's Indiana Archaeology Month (September). Thank you to those groups that have already completed and returned their event host confirmation form. This information will be added to the official Calendar of Events for 2009. For those who are considering hosting during September, feel free to contact Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator at 317/232-6982 or [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov). We hope to hear from more of you!

- **Preserving Indiana** – The spring/summer 2009 edition of the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology's newsletter, *Preserving Indiana*, is now available. You can check it out on our website under DHPA Publications at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4202.htm>. This edition contains several articles related to archaeology and many other preservation topics. Older issues are also on-line, if you missed one!



- **Eco-Explorer Program**- On March 31, Cathy Carson gave a presentation about archaeology to the after school Eco-Explorer program at Holliday Park in Indianapolis. The children, who ranged in age from 5 to 12, had lots of questions about archaeology and really enjoyed getting to look at artifacts. Several of the students had the opportunity last year to visit the excavation at Strawtown (Hamilton Co.) during Indiana Archaeology Month, so they were very "in the know." To learn more about the Park's programs, go to <http://www.hollidaypark.org/programs.html>.



Young people investigating archaeological artifacts at Holliday Park.

- **Historic Preservation Month**- May is Historic Preservation Month in our state. Several events during the Month feature archaeology and Native American related activities. For additional information, feel free to go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-HistoricPreservationMonth2009calendar.pdf>.
- **Indiana site added to National Register**- The Castor Farm site (12-H-3) has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeological investigations by the IPFW Archaeological Survey at this central Indiana site have been funded in the past by Historic Preservation Fund grant monies. Additional information about the research which has been conducted regarding this important prehistoric archaeological site may be found at <http://www.ipfw.edu/archsurv/LatePrehistoric.html#Castor>. To learn more about the National Register of Historic Places, go to <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/index.htm> and <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3654.htm>.
- **For your Calendar**- Hoosier Outdoor Experience--September 26-27, 2009

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is hosting a free event to explore the grandeur of nature. The event will be held at Fort Harrison State Park on the northeast side of Indianapolis. Outdoor activities include mountain biking, hiking, fishing, archery, kayaking, horseback riding, and camping. There will also be a cultural section with an opportunity for hands-on activities to explore the lives of the different peoples of Indiana. For further information, please contact Cathy Draeger (317) 234-3791 or visit the IDNR website <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5009.htm>.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>

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