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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL

Sponsored by Clarion University and Allegheny National Forest

Ridgway, Pa. – The Allegheny National Forest (NF) is sponsoring an archaeology field school for high school students **from June 14-27, 2009**. The Clarion River Archaeology Field School and Study Program will focus on the Clarion River valley and environments. The Field School is in partnership with Clarion University. The Student Conservation Association will provide professional chaperones for the two-week school. To qualify for this program, students must be 15-18 years old. Graduating seniors are eligible for the program and may receive one college credit.

Student applications for the field school are available at local high schools. Applications must be mailed to Amanda Glaz, Allegheny NF, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, Pa., 16239 **by May 8, 2009**. You may contact Amanda at 814-927-5756 or aglaz@fs.fed.us

Twelve students will be chosen to participate at NO COST to their families. Students will attend a week of classes at Clarion University where they will be housed on campus and receive instruction from university faculty in such areas as anthropology, archaeology, and geology. The students will then transfer to a field camp at Loleta Recreation Area on the Allegheny NF. They will learn camping skills from members of the Student Conservation Association and work daily at an archaeological excavation along the Clarion River. Dr. Susan Prezzano, Professor of Anthropology at Clarion University, will supervise the excavation; students will work side-by-side with university students trained in archaeological techniques. High school students participating in this program will have adult supervision 24 hours a day over the two-week program.

The Clarion River Archaeological Field School and Study Program is an opportunity for high school students to attend classes and live on a college campus, work on an archaeological excavation, live in a field camp, and gather information that will be important for understanding and interpreting the pre-and post-European history of the Clarion River corridor. Students selected to attend the field school may be eligible for college credit, and will gain valuable experience and insight that should enhance acceptance at universities or colleges, and competition for scholarships.

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