

# HELLO WORLD!!! FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY'S SUMMER FIELDSCHOOL IN ARCHAEOLOGY

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Hello Everybody!!

The last day of our eight-week field school was July 29th: Day of Archaeology Day!!! And as everyone knows, sites always ALWAYS throw you a curve on the last day.

Excavating the last level in a 1 x 2 meter unit we had excavated at this site in 1984 did, indeed, throw us a curve (we should have just let sleeping dogs lie), but our REAL problem this year was that we had bitten off a little more than we could chew the week before: about four 2 x 2 meter units' worth!

We couldn't help it. This summer is the last, the very very LAST in a three-year excavation program at a very challenging, very interesting, and very complex prehistoric site where village farming peoples lived on and off from about A.D. 1200 to the early A.D. 1600s.

Our eight University of Kentucky undergraduate students, three instructors, and several devoted volunteers were at the site on July 29th, and all of us could have gotten into the act. But we reserved our Day of Archaeology contribution for the students.

We asked each of them to tell us (to tell YOU), in a word or a sentence, what field school meant to them. The video you are about to see, courtesy of Nick Laracuate, says it all: about why we do archaeology and why we HAVE fieldschools.

So... here is our Day Of Archaeology posting.

Three cheers for archaeology! Hip Hip Hoo-RAY!!

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