This Year’s grant supported IU Midwestern Archaeology Field School will be held in Lebanon, IL focusing on the Pre-Columbian Emerald mound center in the uplands surrounding Cahokia in order to investigate how and why these ancient people constructed their world, and to discover the secrets of religious practices in early Mississippian society. Last summer our IU field school students excavated the remains of ceremonial and public architecture, including a burned temple full of ritual offerings. We found evidence of ancient Yankeetown Immigrants from Indiana and of religious pilgrimages made to the Emerald center. This year we seek more of the same, as well as habitation areas for those who lived near the mound centers ritual and political precincts.

You will learn: survey, site, feature and profile mapping, and feature excavation by digging 1000 year old houses and pits
You will learn: Magnetometry, GPS, and mapping with a Trimble Total Station
You will meet and enjoy lectures from top Midwest archaeologists and visit their field sites
You will learn how responsible archeology is conducted by working with multiple institutions and communities
Weekends are yours, visit St Louis, and enjoy local entertainment—visit Museums, Parks, Shopping, or Six Flags

APPLICATIONS: available in the anthropology office, in SB 054 or online

After fieldwork ends, there will be opportunities for students to follow-up and continue to study and earn course credit for lab analysis, student projects and honors projects. Student participation in professional presentations and public education will be encouraged.

Housing Provided: Fee: $500 MAX* (may be less) FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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DIRECTIONS. This form can be completed and submitted in person to Dr Susan Alt in SB 054 (lab) by March 15, 2013 or Applicants may also send completed electronic versions to susalt@indiana.edu.

Name_____________________________________________________

Street Address_____________________________________________________________________

Spring Semester Phone and E-mail_____________________________________________________________________

Academic Status (circle): freshman sophomore junior senior grad. Other_____________________________________

Major/Overall Grade Point Average_____________________________________________________________

If below 3.0, please explain why_____________________________________________________________________

Relevant Archaeology Courses Taken / Background_____________________________________________________________________

Why take field school?_____________________________________________________________________

Extent of your past outdoor work experience_____________________________________________________

List abilities/qualities you can offer the Project_____________________________________________________


VERY IMPORTANT: YOU MUST BE COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR THE FIELD.

What health insurance will cover you in the summer?_____________________________________________________________________

Identify any special considerations regarding your health, allergic conditions, and ability to engage in strenuous outdoor activity

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Your signature here acknowledges your understanding that you will be an active participant in a special field course connected to a research project with goals above and beyond an ordinary on-campus college course. Field work can be strenuous, days are often long (> 8 hours), and you may be required to work under uncomfortable weather conditions. Transportation to and from field sites is the responsibility of the student (although carpooling is normal), as are the costs of all meals.

Signature:

*Please note that Students will be responsible for their own food and for purchasing personal excavation supplies totaling between 50 and 75 dollars to be used in the field. A single non-refundable housing and materials fee of $500.00 will required by April 29, 2013 (this is the maximum possible cost, I am trying to negotiate cheaper housing in order to lower the fee). Additional information will be distributed following acceptance into the field school during pre-field meetings.