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Dig It: Meadowcroft to Host Archaeology Day

-Archaeologists from the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology will present lectures and identify artifacts in honor of Pennsylvania Archaeology Month-

WHAT: As part of Pennsylvania Archaeology Month, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village will partner with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology for a day of lectures on Saturday, Oct. 7.

At **Archaeology Day**, archaeologists representing museums and universities across the state will present a program titled "Experimental Archaeology: How We Know What We Know," in which they will discuss the tools and techniques they use to learn about the everyday lives of prehistoric people.

Regular visitors to Meadowcroft can learn about flint knapping from an expert flintknapper and prehistoric food processing using experimental technology.

In addition, visitors can bring their own American Indian artifacts for identification and analysis by experts with more than 50 years of combined experience with archaeological artifacts.

Throughout the day, visitors can also explore 16,000 years of history at Meadowcroft, a National Historic Landmark, located in Avella, Pa., Washington Co. The 16th century Eastern Woodland Indian Village allows guests to step inside a wigwam and try their hand at the atlatl, a spear thrower used by prehistoric hunters. At Meadowcroft's 19th century Upper Ohio Valley Village, visitors can experience elements of everyday family life, watch a blacksmith forge red-hot iron, and enjoy a lesson in a one-room schoolhouse.

Archaeology Day events are included with regular admission to Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village: \$15 for adults, \$14 for senior citizens, and \$7 for children ages 6-17. Children under 6 and History Center members get in free.

WHEN: **Saturday, Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

WHERE: Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village
401 Meadowcroft Road
Avella, PA 15312

****For more information on Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft or call 724-587-3412****



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