

**45<sup>th</sup> Society/Survey Training Program**  
**The Jones Mill Site, 3HS28**  
**Malvern/Rockport, Arkansas**  
**June 14-29, 2008**

**WHERE**

This year, the Training Program is located in Central Arkansas near Malvern. Malvern is located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 270 and I-30 (exit 98, *not exit 99*). Our headquarters, the seminars, the field laboratory, and our group camping area will be in Malvern at the Ouachita Technical College. Last year, OTC provided us with facilities for headquarters and classes, and has offered to be our main facility this year.

Little Rock is about 40 miles northeast of Malvern, and Hot Springs is about 18 miles west of Malvern. There are many attractions in the Hot Springs area, including Garvan Woodland Gardens, Mid-America Science Museum, Bath House Row, Hot Springs Music Festival, Magic Springs, etc.

In addition to the Society Dig, there will be an archeological field school course offered through the University of Arkansas and Henderson State University working at the site during the month of June.

**WHEN**

For those of you who can come right at the beginning, Friday is “gathering day” because the Training Program actually starts at 6:30 am on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Unless you live in the area, you should plan to get there and get settled on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

You can come for as long or as short a time as you want, but you **MUST** have an Orientation the first morning of your participation. If you have never attended our Program before, the Beginners’ Orientation will take all of your first morning, starting at 6:30 am at Ouachita Technical College. If you are an “Old Timer,” the orientation is shorter and will be held at the site, but we’ll still meet at OTC to convoy out to the site. All registrants will receive a Procedures Manual that you should read before Orientation.

The Beginners’ Orientation will be held the first Saturday and Sunday (June 14 and 15), and will then be scheduled as needed (based on registrations) between June 16 through June 23. The **FINAL** Beginners’ Orientation will be in the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> (the day off) starting at 5:30 pm. This awkward schedule is so that those who come for the second week of seminars will not miss any class time (second week seminars start Tuesday). So, new participants for the second week should plan on arriving to the Training Program in time for the Monday evening orientation.

All participants, whether staying in a motel, an RV park, or camping, should try to come by the Headquarters at Ouachita Technical College on the day you arrive to check in and get an additional packet of information.

## **SOCIETY HEADQUARTERS AND CAMPGROUND**

Headquarters for the Training Program will be on the campus of Ouachita Technical College in Malvern. Headquarters, seminar classes, Beginners' Orientations, the field laboratory, the scheduled evening talks, and our group camping area all will be located at OTC. From I-30 exit 98A, take Hwy 270 East towards Malvern, and turn left on West Moline (intersection with the large flag). Ouachita Technical College is located at One College Circle, just across the railroad tracks and a left turn off of West Moline.

We will be setting up our field laboratory in space on the campus of Ouachita Technical College. All of the seminars will be taught in classrooms at OTC as well. The evening talks will also be scheduled in the auditorium at OTC. Detailed maps will be in the packet that registrants receive about a month before the start of the Program.

The group tent camping area available for our use at Ouachita Technical College will be a grassy area behind the campus and near a city park. Note that this will be "primitive camping" – no hookups, water will be available, but for restrooms and shower facilities we are returning to the portapotties and sun-showers of past years. Parking is available adjacent to the area. The cost for camping in the Society campground will be \$5 per night for one person, \$6 for two, and \$7 for three or more in the same camping spot. No pets are allowed in the group camping area or on the site. Ice will not be available at the headquarters, but will be available for purchase at nearby convenience stores and gas stations.

RV sites are available in the area at private campgrounds or Lake Catherine State Park, and should be reserved separately.

## **WEATHER AND WILDLIFE**

You can count on the weather to be hot, and in the course of the two weeks we will get at least one good thunderstorm and pouring rain. The group camping area is open and grassy with some shade at treeline. There is a badminton court and horseshoes area adjacent to the camping area. The archeological site is open and grassy. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent!

## **MOTELS, CAMPING, AND RV PARKS**

### **Motels:**

The motels in Malvern are near the I-30/Hwy. 270 interchange and close to the tent camping, headquarters, and lab facilities at OTC. There are places to eat nearby. Some rooms have been blocked for AASociety until May 1<sup>st</sup>. You must make your own reservations. Be sure to mention that you are with Arkansas Archeological Society.

**Super 8 Motel**

3445 Oliver Lancaster Blvd (I 30 exit 98B; on Hwy 270), Malvern, AR 72104

Phone: 501-332-5755

King: \$49.88 + tax

Double: \$55.88 + tax

Rooms had a complete makeover in 2006. Ask for room block for AASociety. Can ask for refrigerator when make reservations; rooms have coffee pot and continental breakfast is available.

**Comfort Inn**

2320 Leopard Lane (I 30 exit 98A; on Hwy 270), Malvern, AR 72104

Phone: 501-467-3300

Toll free: 800-4CHOICE

King/Double \$70.00 plus tax

Pamper yourself here -- rooms with Jacuzzis are available (but not for prices here).

Rooms have coffee pot, microwave, refrigerator; continental breakfast available. Motel opened in 2006. Verify price when you call manager Henry.

**Americas Best Value Inns & Suites**

1656 Industrial Road (I-30 exit 98A; on Hwy 270), Malvern, AR 72104

Phone: 888-315-2378

King: \$50.00 + tax; weekly \$185.00

Double: \$55.00 + tax; weekly \$210.00

Refrigerator, microwave, and coffee pot in room; continental breakfast available.

Americas Best is the only Malvern/Rockport motel to offer weekly rates. This hotel was formerly Executive Inn and Suites, and there were complaints last year, but is under new management and rooms have been refurbished.

**RV Campgrounds:****Pinewood Camp Ground**

HWY 67N in Malvern, 4.1 miles from I-30

\$15.00 per night including tax

\$80.00 per week including tax

Ask for a site on the west side along the tree line.

Cell Phone 501-626-0616

**Pearsons Landing**

Hwy 270, 7.4 miles west of I-30

This is a typical fishing camp with less than optimal bathrooms/showers and no laundry facility. Full hookups.

\$18.00 per night

\$115.00 per week with 30 AMP

\$125.00 per week with 50 AMP

Cell Phone 501-627-3047

## **MEALS AND FOOD**

Each person will be responsible for his/her own meals. For eating out, there are plenty of choices from an array of fast foods and restaurants in the Malvern/Rockport area as well in Hot Springs.

You should plan to make your lunch in the morning, because there will be little or no time to prepare it if you are digging at the site or in a seminar class. There will be an hour for lunch, but normally part of that is taken up going from classes and the site. Because of the distance between the site and Ouachita Technical College, we suggest bringing your lunch when heading out in the morning.

## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

The work day begins at 6:30 am, there is an hour for lunch from 10:30 to 11:30 am, and the work day ends by 3:30 pm, giving everyone time to relax before getting supper. A detailed schedule of all activities, seminars, evening programs, and special events will be in the packets sent to registrants. There are no seminars on Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15, and June 21 and 22, so those are full days of work at the site and in the lab.

There will be one day off on Monday, June 23, when there will be no work at the site or in the lab. However, the STEWARDS' WORKSHOP will be held Monday afternoon on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The final Beginners' Orientation will be held at 5:30 pm on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for those coming in new for the second week of the Program.

Seminars during the second week are held Tuesday through Saturday (June 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>). The final day (Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>) will be a close up – clean up – pack up day.

## **SEMINARS**

*[as in previous years, but with final schedule and teachers as in recent issue of Field Notes – I'll contact instructors and get am/pm schedule of classes and let you know tomorrow]*

*[photos – use the one from last year of OTC but take out the one of Lake Catherine State Park]*