



MEDIA ADVISORY

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ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT HOLLIDAY PARK

History will come alive as you help excavate a historical site in Indianapolis!

INDIANAPOLIS – (August 30, 2010) Celebrate Archaeology Month while helping to uncover a unique piece of Indianapolis history at Holliday Park, September 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Indiana State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will share mapping and artifact recovery techniques with participants as they excavate a nineteenth century archaeological site in Holliday Park.

Starting in the late 1800s, John Hampden Holliday and his family spent the summers at their country home nestled in the wooded hills overlooking the White River. In 1916, the family donated their land to the city for use as a public park. Almost 100 years later evidence of their estate is still being uncovered. During last year's event participants excavated an antique cistern and found broken china, pottery chards, a wood rasp and muscle-shell buttons. Who knows what will be discovered this year?

Participants should wear clothes that can get dirty and bring a lunch. Cost is \$10 per person and registration is required. Call the Holliday Park Nature Center at (317) 327-7180 for more information or to sign up. To learn more about Archaeology Month in Indiana visit <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>

WHAT: Archaeology Day at Holliday Park

TIME: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday, September 4

COST: \$10/person. Registration required.

WHERE: Meet at the Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260

About Holliday Park

One of Indianapolis' oldest parks, Holliday Park is among the most environmentally diverse tracts of land within Marion County. The 95 acre park is located along the banks of the White River and features over three miles of hiking trails, an arboretum, prairie, ornamental and native gardens, playground and nature center. The park is open dawn to dusk, nature center hours are 9:00 am-5:00 pm Monday through Saturday and 1:00-5:00 pm Sunday.

