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Tippecanoe County Historical Association Announces Programs in Conjunction with Archaeological Field School

Lafayette, IN [May 28, 2025] – As part of an archaeological field school occurring at the Ouiatenon Preserve, A Roy Whistler Foundation Project through June 20, the Tippecanoe County Historical Association (TCHA) will host two special programs.

Members Only: Tour of the Ouiatenon Preserve

Thursday, June 12 from 1-4 p.m. and Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. at the Ouiatenon Preserve (3655 S River Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906)

Members of TCHA are invited to two very special tours of the Ouiatenon Preserve. Watch excavations, learn about archaeological research from archaeologists, and see some artifacts recovered during the 2025 excavation season. No excavations will take place on June 14. You **MUST** be a TCHA member to attend these events. Not a member, but want to join? Visit tippecanoehistory.org/get-involved/membership.

Artifact Show & Tell: Ouiatenon Field School

Wednesday, June 18 at 6 p.m. at the History Center (522 Columbia Street Lafayette, IN 47901)

Artifact show and tell and excavation progress report from the 2025 Field Season. This program is open to the public, and free. Talk to Archeology students, anthropologists, and see the newest findings from their 2025 Field School.

The field school is co-directed by Dr. Michael Strezewski (University of Southern Indiana, World Languages and Cultures) and Dr. H. Kory Cooper (Purdue University, Department of Anthropology) and conducted through the University of Southern Indiana. ANTH 397: Archeology Field School provides students with hands-on training in archaeological fieldwork important for careers in Cultural Resources Management.

The Ouiatenon Preserve, A Roy Whistler Foundation Project is the site of the fur trade post of Fort Ouiatenon (1717-1791) and numerous other historic and Indigenous sites. The property is co-owned and operated by the TCHA and the Archaeological Conservancy and managed by the Ouiatenon Preserve Inc.

About the Tippecanoe County Historical Association:

The Tippecanoe County Historical Association (TCHA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of the Tippecanoe County residents and visitors by collection, preserving, researching and sharing Tippecanoe County's unique and diverse history.

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