

# Archaeology at Catawba Nassaw Town

## Fieldwork Experience for Educators

**York County, South Carolina**

**Session I: June 9-13, 2008**

**Session II: June 16-20, 2008**

The Research Laboratories of Archaeology, UNC-Chapel Hill is pleased to announce a weeklong workshop designed specifically for North and South Carolina educators. The program gives teachers an opportunity to participate in an archaeological excavation at the site of Nassaw Town in York County, SC (just south of Charlotte). Participants will earn 4.0 continuing education units while excavating the principal Catawba Indian settlement during the French and Indian War. The Nassaw Town site has already yielded significant evidence about the emergence and endurance of the modern Catawba Nation, and excavations this summer promise to reveal even more as teachers and UNC students work with professional archaeologists to uncover artifacts, traces of houses, and other features.



Students at Nassaw Town excavating a refuse-filled borrow pit in 2007.



Brass sideplate from a flintlock trade musket, ca. 1755

Over the course of the week, participants will gain an understanding of the science of archaeology and learn the basic techniques of archaeological excavation and artifact identification. They will also be introduced to inquiry-based activities for teaching archaeology and North and South Carolina's human past.

Although some classroom and laboratory instruction will be given, the majority of the time will be spent actually excavating.

### Workshop Details and Applications

The workshop will be facilitated by Drs. Stephen Davis and Brett Riggs, with additional instruction from graduate assistant Theresa McReynolds. It is specifically geared toward 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade educators who teach history or science, but interested teachers of any grade level or subject are invited to apply. Enrollment is limited to 10 participants for each session, with preference given to North Carolina teachers for Session II. Interested educators must apply in advance, preferably by May 5, 2008. After May 5, applications will only be accepted if space is available.

### Costs

There is no cost to attend the workshop. Participants are responsible for paying for meals and housing. For those needing a place to stay, we can arrange housing at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC for \$118 for the week (Sunday to Sunday).

### Additional Information

For additional information about the workshop or to obtain an application, please contact Theresa McReynolds, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, CB 3120, UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3120 (email: [temcre@email.unc.edu](mailto:temcre@email.unc.edu); telephone: 919-302-1748). To learn more about the Nassaw Town site and planned excavations, see <http://www.rla.unc.edu/Teaching/Fieldschool2008/index.html>.