

Buffalo State College's Archaeological Field School May 27-July 5, 2008



At the Martin and Martin II Sites, Beaver Island State Park,
Grand Island New York



Drawing a profile map of a
standard test pit.

The 2008 field season marks the second field season at the Martin and Martin II sites. Excavations in 2006 uncovered a previously unknown lithic manufacturing locality, now known as the Martin II site, with chipped stone tools, pottery and faunal remains from the Early Woodland period, ca. 1300 to 500 BC.

Students will receive instruction in the Native occupations of the Western New York region, fieldwork methods, Health and Safety training and laboratory procedures before entering the field and gaining hands-on experience. In the field, work will continue to relocate the multi-component Martin site as well as to define the boundaries and further explore the remains of the lithic manufacturing locality at Martin II. Students will also clean and learn to catalog artifacts in a laboratory setting.

The BSC Archaeological Field School also sponsors a public archaeology open-house at the site in collaboration with Beaver Island State Park naturalists and the Grand Island Historical Society. Field school students educate the public through tours of the archaeological site and will supervise public volunteers of all ages.

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Excavation of a feature at the site

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