

Jamestown Rediscovery

HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE

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Jamestown Rediscovery Celebrates Virginia Archaeology Month at Historic Jamestowne



*October 9th Celebration Includes Special Walking Tours, Historic Trades Demonstrations,
And a Variety of Children's Activities*

JAMESTOWN, Va. (October 4, 2021) – Archaeology is the theme of special programming Saturday, October 9 at Historic Jamestowne in observance of Virginia Archaeology Month. Guests can explore archaeology and Jamestown's history through a variety of special tours, family-friendly activities, and lectures.

Programs offered throughout the day include:

- **9:00am–4:00pm: Archaeology in Action!**
Share in the moment of discovery at the original 1607 James Fort. Meet the Jamestown Rediscovery archaeologists and learn about ongoing excavations as well as the latest discoveries.
- **10:00am–11:00am: Archaeology of James Fort Walking Tour**
Join a Jamestown Rediscovery archaeologist for a tour of the ongoing excavations and some of the most significant findings. Tour begins at the Tercentennial Monument.
- **10:00am–4:00pm: Ed Shed: Family-Oriented Archaeology**
The Ed Shed is an educational space for children and adults alike. Come join the archaeology team, experiencing the moment of discovery as we sort through artifacts from a 1630-1650s trash pit. The Ed Shed is located outside the west wall of the 1607 Fort, near the Dale House Café.
- **10:00am–4:00pm: Forged in History**
Blacksmithing was one of the earliest trades to be practiced at Jamestown. Join blacksmiths Shel Browder and Steve Mankowski for demonstrations and a discussion of metalworking practices at the site of the original James Fort forge.

- **10:00am–4:00pm: Hoops & Staves**
Join cooper Marshall Scheetz as he demonstrates traditional methods for creating buckets, barrels and casks. Coopering—the making of wooden storage containers—has existed for over 3,000 years. In the 17th century these wooden vessels were used not only for household activities but also for the transportation of precious cargo, such as wine, beer, tobacco, sugar, and salt.
- **10:00am–4:00pm: Native Lifeways of the Chesapeake**
Join Daniel Firehawk Abbott of the Nanticoke people from Maryland’s Eastern Shore to learn about the material culture and lifeways of the Tidewater Algonquians as well as their interactions with the settlers of Jamestown.
- **10:00am–4:00pm: “A tractable trade”**
Learn firsthand about the trials of the first English settlers and their experiences exploring the Chesapeake from Anas Todkill, one of the settlers who explored the bay with Captain John Smith.
- **1:00pm–2:00pm: Archaeology of James Fort Tour**
Join a Jamestown Rediscovery archaeologist for a tour of the ongoing excavations and some of the most significant findings. Tour begins at the Tercentennial Monument.
- **2:00pm–3:00pm: Bacon’s Rebellion Walking Tour**
Join Mark Summers, Public Historian, for an encore walking tour that will recount the events of Bacon’s Rebellion. The tour will recount the events of Bacon’s Rebellion in 1676, a civil war that burned Jamestown to the ground, devastated Native American communities, and threw England and the colonies into chaos. It will also examine the aftermath of the war, the increasing slave laws, the Treaty of Middle Plantation with the Powhatan in 1677, the effect of Bacon’s Rebellion on future revolutions, and the move of the capital to Williamsburg in 1699. Tour begins at the Tercentennial Monument.
- **3:30pm–4:30pm: Recent Discoveries around the Church**
Join Director of Archaeology, Dave Givens, for an in-depth discussion on the most recent excavations around the Church Tower and how it has informed our understanding of the evolution of the site over time.

Archaeology Day is sponsored by The Edward Maria Wingfield Endowment Fund established by The Wingfield Family Society to honor Wingfield as a soldier, investor and Jamestown’s first president.

The event is free with paid Historic Jamestowne admission, which is \$25 for adults and includes access to Yorktown Battlefield. National Park passes and Preservation Virginia memberships are accepted, but a \$10 fee may apply. Youth under age 16 receive free admission to Historic Jamestowne. For more information, visit www.historicjamestowne.org or telephone 757-856-1250.

Historic Jamestowne (HJ) preserves the original site of the first permanent English settlement in America and is jointly administered by Jamestown Rediscovery and the National Park Service. Entrance tickets are available at the HJ Visitor Center from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and the grounds remain open until dusk. General admission is \$25.00 per adult (which includes both Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield for seven consecutive days). Children 15 & under are free. National Park Passes and Preservation Virginia Memberships are accepted; however a \$10 per person fee may apply. Entrance tickets and passes include admission to the archaeological site, the Memorial Church, the Voorhees Archaearium Archaeological Museum, as well as scheduled daily walking tours and public programs. For opening hours of the Dale House Café and information about special events, please visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250.