



August 4-7th, 2026 ARCHAEOLOGY CAMP

The Heritage Museum of Newaygo County will be hosting an archaeology dig on **Tuesday, August 4th through Friday, August 7th from 9 AM – 2 PM** daily for students with a Newaygo County connection. We are looking for a few ambitious ten-to-fourteen-year-olds who are passionate about history or who show a real interest in archaeology. They must be willing to dig carefully with shovels and small hand tools.

Parents/guardians will be responsible for transportation to HMNC Tuesday morning and pickup at the dig site in the afternoon. On Wednesday, students will be at the dig site for the entire day for drop off and pickup. Thursday and Friday will be at HMNC. Friday we will host a presentation and awards ceremony for the participants, community invited to attend.

Program Outline:

Tuesday: The morning will begin with an introduction to field work by our volunteer archaeologist who explains terminology, basic procedures, tools, and safety. Experienced adult volunteers will oversee individual groups as we go to the dig site and begin.

Wednesday: Digging continues at the site. Items found will be recorded and stored for further examination and research. Holes will be closed at the end of the day on Wednesday.

Thursday/Friday: We will be at the museum and participants will research items found during the dig, then plan and create group presentations.

Archaeology Fair. On Friday morning, participants will complete their projects and practice presenting. In the afternoon, they will introduce their projects to visitors and explain what they have learned. Family and community members are invited to attend.

If you know a ten-to-fourteen-year-old who wants to participate:

- Contact the museum via email: chulst@newaygocountyhistory.org
- Stop by the museum to pick up the paperwork.
- Payment of \$85 registration fee for the camp will be expected with enrollment.
- Fee waivers / Scholarships are available.

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