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Dickson Mounds to Host Bus Trip to Archaeological Excavation July 16

LEWISTOWN, Ill. – Dickson Mounds Museum is hosting a bus trip to a new archaeological excavation site in the Peoria area on Tuesday, July 16. This site has been determined to be the oldest Mississippian town in the Illinois Valley, predating Dickson Mounds and Eveland Village by one hundred years, and the first location of Cahokia contact 1,000 years ago.

Participants will enjoy touring the site and meeting the archaeological field crew at the site. Participants in the bus trip will meet at Dickson Mounds Museum on July 16 at 8:45 a.m. to board the bus and depart at 9:00 a.m. The site tour will take approximately two hours and will be followed by lunch at Old Mill Vineyard and a presentation by Dickson Mounds Museum Director Dr. Duane Esarey, Dr. Greg Wilson of the University of California at Santa Barbara, and Dr. Dana Bardolph of Northern Illinois University. The bus will return to Dickson Mounds no later than 6:00 p.m.

There is a suggested donation of \$110 for Illinois State Museum Society members and \$125 for non-members, which includes transportation, some snacks, lunch, and one complimentary beverage of your choice. Participants must be 21 years of age and older.

Space is limited and registration is required by July 10 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. The remainder of the payment is due the day of the trip. No credit cards please. Make checks payable to the Illinois State Museum Society-Dickson Mounds. Contact the Museum at 309-547-3721 for more information and to register. This program is a collaborative effort by the Illinois State Museum Society, Dickson Mounds Museum, University of California at Santa Barbara, and Northern Illinois University.

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at www.illinoisstatemuseum.org.