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## **Archaeological Dig Experience at Dickson Mounds Museum**

LEWISTOWN, IL –Dickson Mounds Museum is hosting a new program series titled “Dine and Dig with Archaeologists” on Saturdays starting in June. Enjoy lunch with archaeologists, learn about the Morton Village Site excavation, and then dig! Participants will receive hands-on instruction in proper excavation techniques and how to identify, clean, organize, and sort their finds.

Registration is required with a deadline of May 24, 2017. Space is limited. Call 309-547-3721 to register. Activities may be held indoors and outdoors in hot, humid, dusty conditions. Participants are required to provide their own sack lunch, snacks, and transportation to and from the excavation site. Sessions will be held June 10, June 17, June 24, July 1, and July 8 from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Those interested in participating may register for one, two, or all of the sessions. Participants must be 16 years or older. The programs are free, but donations are appreciated.

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 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](http://www.illinoisstatemuseum.org).