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## **Wilderness Survival Program for Kids at Dickson Mounds on September 21-22**

LEWISTOWN, Ill. – At Dickson Mounds Museum on Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22, “Essential Concepts of Wilderness Survival 1.0” will be held for kids ages 9-16 years old. Through hands-on experience, participants will learn how to prepare for the wilderness and survive the forces of nature. This two-day program will highlight the most critical concepts of wilderness survival.

On September 21 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., the program will focus on wilderness preparation, shelter building, water purification, and foraging. On September 22 from 12:30-4:30 p.m., the class will cover fire starting and natural land navigation.

This workshop is for kids ages 9-16 years old. Parents/adult guardians are welcomed. Participants are required to provide their own snacks, lunch, and water and must dress appropriately for outdoor conditions and hiking. Much of the program will be held in a wooded setting. A small backpack to carry food and supplies is a must.

Registration is required by September 18 and space is limited. Participants will receive detailed information on the required supplies for the workshop. Youth can participate in one or both days of the program. Topics are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Call the Dickson Mounds Museum at 309-547-3721 to register or for more information.

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).

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