

Central Region
Quarterly Report – Oct/Nov/Dec 2012
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Highlight of the Quarter

As the weather cools (somewhat), outreach activities and programs heat up for the CRC Staff. State Park staff at the Crystal River Preserve and Archaeological State Parks use the cooler weather months when a slowdown in nuisance bug production occurs to offer several fun and educational outreach programs for area residents and visitors. The annual Halloween event in Crystal River is always a big draw. FPAN staff participates in the event in several ways. Outside of general logistical support, CRC staff runs the Mortuary Photo station that creates lasting impressions for visitors. The fall and winter months also signal a return of the Moon Over the Mounds tours. These are scheduled once a month during full moons and almost always are well attended. Both programs were highlights for staff this quarter. Staff also continued to coordinate the Park's Sifting for Technology program as well as provide educational outreach to schools within the region.

Operational changes also occurred for CRC staff with the resignation of Center Director, Rich Estabrook. Host PI and FPAN Executive Director decided that both FPAN Centers hosted through the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Florida would operate under a single director to combine efforts.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives

- Coordinate and staff educational activities and programming efforts: Halloween Event and Sifting for Technology, Crystal River Archaeological State Park
- Assist the Florida Division of Historical Resources: lead and conduct GPR investigations at Dozier School for Boys in Marianna
- Provide continued support through promotion and assistance with Crystal River Boat Builders
- Enhance opportunities for USF Applied Anthro grad student training in public archaeology: Blackwater Hammock GPR training
- Completed SSEAS training in Pinellas County with Bay Area Reef Runners dive group
- Continued assistance with Manatee County in review of proposed historic preservation ordinance drafts and provided comments
- FPAN Volunteer Archaeology Lab: Fridays at Ybor City Museum State Park
- Quarterly Newsletter: produced on time



USF/FPAN Graduate Assistant Beth Blankenship leads a group of USF Forensic Anthro graduate students in conducting GPR investigations at Dozier School for Boys in Marianna.



Volunteers of the Crystal River Boat Builders fit the tabernacle to a replica build of a mid-nineteenth century sailing scow. The Crystal River Preserve State Park and FPAN CRC offices are visible in background.