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***“Site Destruction: Pieces of Our Past Lost Forever”
A Special Event in Celebration of Georgia Archaeology Month***

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Red Top Mountain State Park & Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site—Cartersville, Georgia

To learn about the forces that threaten Georgia’s archaeological sites and our shared heritage, the Society for Georgia Archaeology (SGA) invites you to join us at our 2014 Spring Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 10th in the Lakeside Ballroom at Red Top Mountain State Park located at 50 Lodge Road SE, Cartersville, GA 30121. The theme for Archaeology Month 2014 is ***Site Destruction: Pieces of Our Past Lost Forever***. The pre-registration form is available online at <http://thesga.org/2014/04/sga-spring-2014-meeting-schedule-now-available/>, or you may register on-site beginning at 8:30 a.m. The cost of the Spring Meeting is \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for SGA members, and \$15.00 for non-members. This fee includes the \$5 daily ParkPass required on all vehicles. Lunch and tour options are also included on the registration form.

The meeting will begin with a welcome announcement at 9:00 a.m.; then, launch into presentations by members of the archaeological community, law enforcement, cemetery preservationists, park rangers, and hobbyists who have joined forces to stem the tide of destruction at archaeological sites across Georgia. The morning presentations will be followed by a discussion period, a short business meeting, and lunch. You must pre-pay if you would like a box lunch. We will reconvene at Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site for a special tour that will be led by Dr. Adam King beginning at 2:00 p.m. Then, attendees will be on their own to visit the park museum. Attendees are encouraged to visit the nearby Leake Mounds Interpretive Trail as well. You may also take a virtual tour of the Leake trail to learn about the history of the site by visiting <http://www.westga.edu/~khebert/leakemounds/> and learn about the forces of site destruction that have plagued the site for decades. A PDF of the schedule, with event times, for the SGA’s 2014 Spring Meeting can be accessed by visiting <http://thesga.org/2014/04/sga-spring-2014-meeting-schedule-now-available/>.

Throughout the month of May, organizations, museums, parks, and historic sites in communities across the state are sponsoring educational programs and events to promote public awareness of the existence and value of Georgia’s archaeological resources. This year marks the 21st year of SGA’s archaeology awareness promotion, which fosters better public awareness of archaeology and a sense of stewardship for our state’s archaeological sites. This year’s theme, *Site Destruction: Pieces of Our Past Lost Forever*, will reach thousands of Georgians through educational materials and events. To view the full schedule of Archaeology Month events planned across the state, visit http://thesga.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Archaeology_Month_2014_Events_Revised.pdf.

With Georgia’s wide spectrum of archaeological sites—from Native American cultures dating as far back as 12,000 years to Civil War battlefields to 19th-century shipwrecks—there will be something for everyone to enjoy. To discover more about Georgia Archaeology Month, please visit SGA’s website at <http://thesga.org>. The Society for Georgia Archaeology is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes archaeological preservation, research, and public education.