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Living Heritage Museum opens registration for annual archeology camp

ATHENS, Tenn. (June 3, 2010)—The Living Heritage Museum will again offer its popular summer archeology camp, allowing children and their parents or caregivers to enjoy a hands-on, outdoor archeology experience. Participants will learn the proper techniques used in digging for buried treasures and then put those new skills to use in an actual dig for “artifacts.”

Toddler Time classes are available for children aged two to five on Wednesday, June 9, and Thursday, June 10, at 10 a.m. A class for children aged 10 to 18 will be held June 17 at 10 a.m.

Executive Director Diane Hutsell, who will lead the Toddler Time programs, said, “The archaeology camp is something that the community looks forward to every year. Children of all ages just love getting their hands in the dirt!”

“History can definitely be a hands-on experience,” agreed Curator Lisa Chastain, who will lead the camp for older children. “Our program uses actual artifacts along with crafts to stimulate a deeper understanding and appreciation of both archeology and history.”

This popular program fills up fast, so call 745-0329 to register today. The Toddler Time program cost \$5 per child (or free for members’ children), and the camp for older children costs \$25 per child.

Funding for the Living Heritage Museum’s archeology camp was donated by Crescent, Inc., which produces high quality socks in Niota, Tenn., in the oldest operating hosiery mill in the United States.

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Founded in 1982, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is a private, nonprofit organization housing more than 7,000 artifacts in 30 permanent exhibits that represent the culture and history of Southeast Tennessee from the 1700s to 1940s. The Museum also offers several changing exhibits as well as numerous special events and programs throughout the year and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.livingheritagemuseum.com.

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