



The Maine Archaeological Society

Fall Field School

Katahdin Iron Works

Thursday, October 15 – Sunday, October 18, 2026

Aerial Imagery courtesy of Anthony Viola, Arcudigm

Come join us for four days (**Thursday, October 15th – Sunday, October 18th**) in Maine's North Woods excavating in the Katahdin Iron Works village! The site is roughly 15 miles north of Brownville along the West Branch of the Pleasant River on land recently acquired by the Appalachian Mountain Club. We will be tent/pop-up/car camping at one of the KI-Jo Mary group sites on nearby Silver Lake. The setup is rustic (no showers or running water), but plenty of room to spread out (including for campers), outhouses and several fire pits.



Everyone is responsible for their own food/cooking and general wellbeing, so bring your stove and camping gear and be ready to live in the woods for a few days.

We'll provide plenty of firewood, water (but bring what water you can), a community stove, and all the excavation equipment you need.



If you are interested, please complete and return this form via email or mail no later than **September 20th, 2026** and send to:

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The Maine Archaeological Society
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Augusta, Maine 04332

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Are you a **current member** of The Maine Archaeological Society? Yes ____ No ____

Membership is required (\$25.00 regular/ \$10.00 student)

Can you commit to being present for the entire field school? Yes ____ No ____

If not, **which days can you commit to?**

Do you have prior archaeological field school experience or professional experience working on an archaeological excavation (not required)? Yes ____ No ____

Please describe (site/organization/date/etc.):

Do you have any prior experience with backwoods camping? Do you have access to camping equipment that will allow you to take care of yourself, i.e., a tent/camper, camping stove, and other necessary gear for living in the Maine woods for a few days during the cool fall months? ***(There is enough room to drive in a camper or pop-up and the roads are accessible, but please let us know if you intend to bring a camper).***

Please describe:

Do you have any relevant first-aid training (wilderness EMS, Maine Guide, or other)?

Yes ____ No ____ If yes, **please list any current certifications:**

Applicant Name: _____

HEALTH AND DIETARY: The field school involves physical activity in a rural/backwoods setting, so we need to know about any health accommodations necessary for you to participate safely and have a good time. If you have any physical or medical conditions that would impact your participation in the program, **please provide details below.**

What is your overall state of health? Excellent____ Good____ Fair____ Poor____

ALLERGIES (check all applicable):

Insects: ____ Medication: ____ Food: ____ Other: ____

I carry an EpiPen: Yes ____ No ____

Please describe any allergies:

MEDICAL CARE:

I have asthma: Yes ____ No ____

I take daily medications: Yes ____ No ____

Please list all medications and dosage information below. Should you forget to take medication or need medical treatment, please provide specific information about what steps should be taken by Maine Archaeological Society Board Members.

Date of last Tetanus shot: _____ (required)

Applicant Name: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:

In the event of illness, accident, and/or emergency, I give permission to be taken to the nearest hospital or medical center for emergency treatment and assume responsibility for any billed costs related to medical treatment incurred during field school.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

Participants are hereby given notice that participation in The Maine Archaeological Society Field School will include a variety of outdoor activities including, but not limited to camping, hiking and excavation. Excavation will include manual labor using common excavation tools (shovels, trowels, and screens). Field conditions are sometimes uncomfortable and may be hazardous including - but not limited to - severe weather conditions such as rain, cold and snow.

In consideration of permission from The Maine Archaeological Society to participate in the 2022 Field School the undersigned and his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin fully release the Maine Archaeological Society and their board members, volunteers, agents, successors, assigns, and all persons directly or indirectly liable, from any and all claims resulting from any loss, damage, injury, or death sustained by the Participant arising out of: (1) ownership, operation, use, maintenance, or control of any vehicle; (2) use of any facility; (3) use of any equipment; (3) participation in any activity; and (4) any pre-existing physical condition or disability of the Participant.

Additionally, I the undersigned, acknowledge that I will follow OSHA and other safety standards while working on site, and that The Maine Archaeological Society is responsible for my safety only while on site and only while following the directions of the site supervisory staff. If asked to leave the site for unsafe or inappropriate behavior, I will do so. Transportation too/ from the site is my personal responsibility. Any accident or injury while on site will be reported to my supervisor immediately.

Applicant Name: _____

PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR FILM:

I understand and agree that The Maine Archaeological Society may photograph or film the Participant and use his/her image in education and/or recruiting material, including but not limited to web pages, slide presentations, brochures, or flyers.

Check one: Yes ____ No ____

Participant's Name (print): _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____