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NEWS RELEASE

Loudoun Archaeological Foundation Announces Schedule of Fall Activities, Participation in the US Marine Corps Marathon and Information Regarding Special Digs Commemorating Loudoun County's 250th Anniversary

Dr. David T. Clark, Executive Director for the Loudoun Archaeological Foundation, Inc., announced today the Foundation's 2007 Fall schedule of special events, which are being conducted as a part of Loudoun County's 250th anniversary celebration.

The Foundation will be hosting the second of its Mobile Archaeology Lab Times (MALTs) at Claude Moore Park in Sterling on Saturday, November 10, 2007 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The focus of this activity will be to wash and classify the numerous 18th and 19th century artifacts discovered at an 18th century ordinary which was located on this site. These artifacts were excavated during the several dig days held by the Foundation at the site this past Summer and early Fall. Interested children and adults are encouraged to participate in this event and learn about history, lifestyles, foodways, etc. in the early years of settlement in Loudoun County through the identification and classification of artifacts recently found at this mid-18th century ordinary and home along the historic Vestal's Gap Road. No reservations are required.

Also, Dr. Clark will participate on October 28, 2007 in the U. S. Marine Corps Marathon (an annual 26 mile race in the Washington, D. C. area) in a special "Running for Loudoun Archeology" fund-raising competition. Supporters of the Loudoun Archaeological Foundation may wish contribute to the Foundation with a two-dollar (or more) contribution per mile of this 26 mile event by linking to the [Foundation's website \(www.loudounarcheology.org\)](http://www.loudounarcheology.org) and clicking the "Donate" icon on the home page, or by making arrangements by email to donations@loudounarcheology.org All proceeds from this fundraising effort will be used to continue the popular and highly successful public archaeology programs of the Foundation.

The Foundation completed its 2007 dig program with over one-hundred individual, trained volunteer diggers participating in twenty dig events at three separate Loudoun County sites: Claude Moore Park, Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, and the Shafer Pottery site in Leesburg. More than a thousand children and adults came out for these events to watch the excavations and to screen the excavated soil for artifacts. News stories and photographs of the digs were featured in the Washington Post, Loudoun Times-Mirror, and other regional and local publications. Articles on the Foundation also were featured in the Virginia Capitol Connections Quarterly Magazine and several national and regional archaeological journals.

A report on the Foundation's Summer and early Fall 2007 archaeological investigations soon will be published on the Foundation's website and in the Foundation's Quarterly Newsletter. Other details on specific activities of the Foundation are provided on the Foundation's website at: www.loudounarchaeology.org by email alerts, and through local media sources.