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CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM



The Alabama Historical Commission's Cultural Resource Management Professional Training Program is a four-week, immersive field school hosted at Old Cahawba Archaeological Park, the site of Alabama's first state capital. Designed for students and emerging professionals, this program delivers intensive, field-based training in archaeological survey, excavation, artifact processing, and regulatory compliance.

This is not a typical academic field school—it's a professional development experience tailored to those seeking careers in CRM and applied archaeology.

Program Dates

- **Session 1:** June 1 – 26, 2026
- **Session 2:** July 6 – 31, 2026

Cost

- \$1,000 per session, which includes housing, transportation to and from site daily, most tools, and all instruction. Optional meal plan available.

Participants will receive daily instruction in key areas such as:

- Excavation and survey methods: provenience, stratigraphy, field documentation, and health/safety
- Artifact identification: ceramics, glass, metals, lithics, and ecofacts
- Laboratory processing: cleaning, cataloging, and basic artifact analysis
- Technical documentation: site forms, maps, field notes, photography, et al.
- CRM laws and compliance: Section 106, NHPA, NEPA, and state preservation regulations
- Public archaeology: engaging communities and interpreting cultural landscapes
- Career readiness: fieldwork ethics, job expectations, and pathways in CRM



The schedule balances lecture, fieldwork, lab work, and collaborative presentations, culminating in a Public Archaeology Day where students present findings and demonstrate field techniques.

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