

CENTRAL IOWA CHAPTER, IAS

NEWSLETTER of the Central Iowa Chapter Of the Iowa Archeological Society

CIC Annual Picnic

Sunday, June 26th, 11:30 – 4:30
Shelter #3, Yellow Banks Park

It's time for the **15th Annual CIC Picnic**. We hope for a great turnout, so please mark this event down on your calendar. You do not have to be a CIC or IAS member to attend! Enjoy visiting, laughing, displays, knapping, and throwing the atl atl. **Bring something to grill, a side dish to share and your own table service.**

THANKS GO TO: Doug Jones for his presentation [Recent Research on the Underground Railroad in Central Iowa](#). Doug's effort to take the time to assist the chapter is always appreciated.

FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITY: This message was recently received and should be of interest to those of you hoping for some hands on field experience:

If you are interested in participating in an excellent fieldwork opportunity this summer, here is the link to the newly updated IAS webpage that features a link to the Wickiup Hill information web page:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~osa/IAS/index.html> .

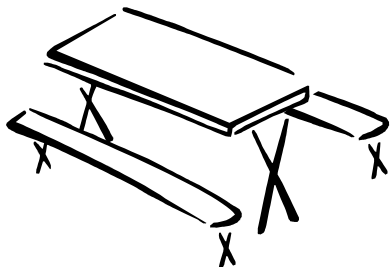
To directly view the Wickiup Hill information webpage you can visit this link:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~osa/IAS/wickiuphill.html>

TERMONOLOGY: Characteristics of Ancient Civilizations – “Archaeologists recognize that in some cases, in some places, at sometimes, simple societies for one reason and another morph into more and more complex societies, and some become civilizations. The reasons for this are quite controversial, but the characteristics of complexity recognized in ancient civilizations are pretty much agreed upon as:

social stratification and ranking, increasing sedentism, trade or exchange networks, leading to the presence of luxury and exotic goods (such as the baltic amber trade), metallurgy, craft specialization, control of food as in agriculture or pastoralism, high population density, monumental architecture, writing system, religious specialists such as shamans or priests, calendar, roads and transportation networks, centralized rule, and armed military force.

Not all of these characteristics necessarily have to be present for a particular cultural group to be considered a civilization, but all of them are considered evidence of relatively complex societies.” (Kris Hirst, About.com Archaeology Guide)



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