

VOLUNTEERING IN EXCAVATIONS AT MESOLITHIC SITES

We warmly invite You to participate as a volunteer in the excavations conducted under the research program "Mesolithic Communities of the Chełmno-Dobrzyń Lake District (central Poland)".

The excavations will take place from **beginning of June to end of August 2018** and will include two sites located in the subglacial valley of Grodno and Plebanka lakes (about 40 km from Toruń). The first of them (**Nowogrod 26**) is a **prehistoric island**, where in addition to the **relics of Mesolithic settlement** were also discovered artefacts related to **Zedmar culture**. The second is **Paliwodzizna 29** where, during the survey excavations, the remnant **unique, early Mesolithic stone structures** were identified. There are many indications that the explored part of this site has a ritual origin or is a relic of a complex of birch tar kilns. **More information about the object can be find here: <http://scienceinpoland.pap.pl/en/news/news,410876,scandinavian-influence-on-the-vistula-already-more-than-8-thousand-years-ago.html>**. Both sites are mixed in the soil profile, i.e. they have dry (**sand**) and wet (**peat/gytja**) parts, what guarantees the versatility of education gained during the excavations and **ability to discover the unique archaeological artefacts**, including the ones from the organic materials.

During excavations we plan to carry a **multi-faceted experimental archaeology program** focused at the interpretation of functions of two types of prehistoric osseous tools: **Subneolithic "seal scrapers"** from Šventoji (Lithuania) and very interesting **late Neolithic knives from Bruszczewo (Poland)**.

The volunteers will also be able to try themselves in flint knapping, working in amber, bone/antler and wood with the use of replicas of the prehistoric (stone and bone) tools, pottery burning and birch tar production with non ceramic or ceramic methods.

Volunteers participating in the study are guaranteed a **free accommodation** in the expedition base and (**depending on the number of applicants**) **free catering**.

Detailed information about the project can be found at the website: www.searchingformesolithic.umk.pl or by e-mail address: grezegor@umk.pl (dr Grzegorz Osipowicz)



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