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14th Annual 5k Relic Run

Saturday, March 3, 2012

In association with the Memphis Runners and Track Club, Chucalissa's 14th Annual Relic Run will take place on March 3, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The 5K run/walk course winds through the scenic woods around the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa and the T.O. Fuller State Park. Runners view the beauty of the wooded area from the safety of a paved road. The Relic Run is a particular favorite in the area because of the serene location in our rural oasis just 20 minutes from downtown Memphis. Children are welcome, as well as strollers and wheelchairs.

All proceeds from the Relic Run are earmarked to benefit Youth Group Programming at the C.H. Nash Museum.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in all categories and all runners/walkers will receive an event T-shirt. Participants may pre-register online by clicking www.racesonline.com. On-site registration on March 3 begins at 7:30 AM. Call the Museum at 901-785-3160 for more information.

... from the Director

Visitation at the Museum during the winter months is usually rather sparse. During this time, we catch our breath a bit, tie up the loose ends on projects, perform exhibit maintenance, and get ready for spring visitors. This year things are different. Our 2011 December visitation of nearly 600 was quadruple that of December 2010. Already this January we hosted volunteer service projects with members of the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society and students from the Illinois State University. At a time when many cultural institutions find their attendance shrinking because of the economy, we are fortunate to be experiencing an upturn in our numbers. We are in for a busy spring!

We also realize that we have outgrown our current methods for communicating with those interested in activities and resources at the C.H. Nash Museum and the Chucalissa site. Our staff has discussed and decided to launch a weekly blog to keep the public better informed about our activities. We intend for this blog to be an opportunity for our interns, volunteers, and supporters to discuss topics of interest to them about Chucalissa. [Click here to check out our first blog post](#) and learn about our plans for this new piece of social media we are adding to our toolkit.

This coming March and April will be a particularly active time around the Museum. In addition to our regular visitation and school groups, we will be hosting a several other major activities. We are very excited to announce that we will host a camp of 10 young AmeriCorps workers for four weeks beginning in mid-March of this year. It is quite fitting that we host an AmeriCorps camp. The AmeriCorp are the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s. As many of our visitors are aware, the Civilian Conservation Corps are responsible for "discovering" the Chucalissa site in the modern era.

In addition to AmeriCorps, this spring we will host events associated with the annual meetings of the Tennessee Association of Museums and the Society for American Archaeology. Our 2012 is off to an exciting start!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 901-785-3160 or e-mail at rcnnolly@memphis.edu with your comments, suggestions, and questions.

- Robert Connolly

Events Calendar

February 18, March 17, & April 14 - Spring Volunteer Days at the Museum from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Join us as we inventory all of the artifacts in our repository, help out with maintaining our arboretum, herb garden and medicinal plant sanctuary, scan images in our digital photo project, or express your creativity by painting one of our trash cans. There are only a couple of cans left to paint!

February 25 at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Celebrate Black History in the U.S. Military. Film showing and discussion of *For Love of Liberty: The Story of Americas Black Patriots*. Lunch will served. The event will be held at the C.H. Nash Museum, is free and open to the public.

March 3 at 9:00 AM - The 14th Annual Relic Run/Walk. See Page 1 of this newsletter for details on this annual event at Chucalissa to benefit youth programming at the Museum.

March 21-23 - Annual meeting of the Tennessee Association of Museums. This year the statewide meetings will be held in Memphis. Visit the [TAM website](#) for more details.

April 7 - T.O. Fuller Easter Egg Hunt - This year the Annual Easter Egg Hunt (& Gather) sponsored by the Friends of T.O. Fuller will be held in the main plaza at the Chucalissa site.

April 14 - The opening of our new Traditional Medicinal Plant Sanctuary at Chucalissa - our March newsletter will contain details on this exciting event.

April 22 - Anthropology Homecoming Picnic at Chucalissa. The Anthropology Department at the University of Memphis celebrates its 35th Anniversary with an afternoon picnic at the Museum.

Every Saturday at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM- Join us for Family Day Activities. For the cost of general admission, make a pinch pot to take home, participate in our Drumming Across Cultures musical program, take part in a scavenger hunt through the main hall of the our Museum and more!



Black History in the U.S. Military **Saturday, February 25, 10:00 to 2:00 PM**

For our Second Annual Celebration of Black History Month, we will sponsor the showing of *For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots*. This PBS film series reports the roles of African Americans in the U.S. military from the Revolutionary War – whose first casualty was a Black man, Crispus Attucks, to the present day. Robert Gurley, Ralph Thompson, and others will offer comments on both the role of local Memphians and other key historical events.

A pizza lunch will be served. The event is free and open to the public. For more information about the film showing contact the C.H. Nash Museum.

The mission of the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa, a division of the University of Memphis, is to protect and interpret the Chucalissa archaeological site's cultural and natural environments, and to provide the University Community and the public with exceptional educational, participatory, and research opportunities on the landscape's past and present Native American and traditional cultures.