



News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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Forest Service seeking volunteers to assist with archaeological collections management; April 6 sign up deadline

Park Falls and Rhinelander, Wis. – March 27, 2007. Volunteers have until April 6 to sign up for an interesting archaeological project that will take place in Minocqua from June 4th through the 8th. This project is part of the national Passport in Time (PIT) volunteer initiative to assist with the management of archaeological collections recovered from the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Volunteers will work under the direction of the Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group (CCRG) archaeologist Dr. Katie Egan-Bruhy and her staff along with Forest Service archaeologist Ingrid Mendoza. The volunteers will help organize and repackage archaeological collections for long-term curation at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland. During the process, the participants will gain a greater understanding of artifact identification and classification. They will also travel to Ashland to tour the curation facility and the Center's exhibit galleries.

Individuals interested in participating in this important and interesting project can sign up at the PIT web site, www.passportintime.com, or by calling (800) 281-9176. Applications are due no later than April 6th.



Volunteers assist in the identification of archaeological collections. From the left, Olivia Smith, Becca Sirek, Dr. Katie Egan-Bruhy (CCRG), Jeanne Nelson (CCRG) and Amanda Flannery