

U P C O M I N G

Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society



S E R V I N G T H E C O M M U N I T I E S O F

Keego Harbor Orchard Lake Sylvan Lake West Bloomfield

events

Apple Island Tours

Saturday, May 18, 11am-5 pm

Sunday, May 19, 11am-5 pm

Orchard Lake Museum
3951 Orchard Lake Road



This weekend the public not only can tour the island but also learn about the archaeological dig being done by Western Michigan University (WMU) leaders and students. Tours begin at the Orchard Lake Museum where presenters include Liam Collins of the Detroit Center for Public Archaeology. Take a pontoon boat ride to Apple Island for a docent-led island group tour and then, at your own pace, learn about the dig from the WMU team. First-come, first-served, in-person sign-ups begin at 11 a.m. at the Orchard Lake Museum. No phone reservations. Last tour group leaves the museum at 3:30 p.m. Allow 2 1/2 to 3 hours roundtrip and must climb 15 stairs up to the island. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather as the boat ride and island are cooler than the shore. No strollers are allowed on the boats or island. \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 years and under. GWBHS members free, including new memberships sold this weekend.

NO reservations or tickets, or pre-sales; first come, first served.

NO strollers or walkers. This is a WALKING TOUR. EVERYONE must wear a life jacket on the boat ride.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES AT THE APPLE ISLAND DIG

The Society is leading an effort to secure Michigan State Historic Site and National Register of Historic Places designations for 35-acre Apple Island, owned by the West Bloomfield School District, and located in the middle of Orchard Lake. GWBHS received a \$10,000 grant from the St. Francis Foundation of Michigan for the project, with the archaeological dig conducted by Dr. David Brose, nationally known archaeologist, and Western Michigan University's Dr. LouAnn Wurst and her students in an anthropology class.

These three events are for GWBHS members only -- or buy a membership at any event.

Archaeological Dig Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, May 7, 6 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road

Kick off GWBHS' and Western Michigan University's Apple Island archaeological dig by attending an informal opening celebration. Gayle Joseph (Oji-Cree) and Pastor Paul Thwaite will offer blessings for the project. An indoor picnic dinner will follow, providing guests a chance to meet the WMU leaders and students. Dr. David Brose, principal investigator, will give an overview presentation. Reservations required by Thursday, May 3, to Jeanne Miller, 248.851.4075. \$10 per person.

Field Lab Open Houses

Thursday, May 16 & Tuesday, May 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road

Come see what the WMU team is discovering during the archaeological dig on Apple Island.

Dig Farewell Dinner & Dig Summary

Thursday, May 23, 6 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road

After a spaghetti dinner, Dr. LouAnn Wurst, 2013 principal investigator, will summarize the dig's findings. Reservations required by Monday, May 20, to Jeanne Miller, 248.851.4075. \$15 per person.

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