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Blast from the Past: Nacogdoches History Fair

October isn't all jack-o-lanterns and witches hats, it is also Texas Archeology Month! To celebrate, the City of Nacogdoches Historic Sites Department invites you to join us at the 4th *Annual Blast from the Past: Nacogdoches History Fair* on Saturday, October 13th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Festival Park located in downtown Nacogdoches.

We will have many of the same wonderful events and demonstrations as last year as well as a few new additions! The Stephen F. Austin State University Native Plant Center will have a "Cattail Supermarket," where they will be displaying a wide array of food and supplies made from cattails. The Attoyac Valley String Ensemble will be playing old-time string music throughout the day. One of our new events, which will surely become a crowd favorite, will be an oxen demonstration. The two oxen, Liberty and Justice, along with their owners will demonstrate plowing techniques, use a gin pole to stack hay and will answer questions about farm life in the early 1800s. The East Texas Research Center will be on hand to talk about preservation of books, paper, maps, bibles and other historic documents. Two Archeology Stewards will also be on hand from the Texas Historical Commission to conduct artifact identification at the Columbia Center building located at 106 S. Pecan Street - be sure to bring your arrow heads and pottery sherds and see the experts can tell you more about your pieces. Other events will include flint knapping, atlatl throwing, pottery making, a simulated archeological dig, and a spinning, weaving and fabric dyeing demonstration



The Historic Sites Department will once again be selling “Blast from the Past” t- shirts during the event for only \$10, and Milam Lodge #2 will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. This is a **free** event that provides an excellent opportunity for the whole community to learn about Nacogdoches history in a hands-on way. This event is fun for the whole family and something you won’t want to miss, so mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13th. We look forward to seeing you!

For further information, please call Jessica Sowell, Assistant Historic Sites Manager at 936-560-4441 or email historicsites@ci.nacogdoches.tx.us. You can also visit our web page at <http://www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/history> or find us on Facebook, “**Nac Historic Sites**” for the most up to date information and event listings.

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