

2010 DRA Archaeology Field School

The Archaeology of

The Bryant-Barker Tavern Site, 1765-1803

Newcastle, Maine



The 2010 Damariscotta River Association Archaeology Field School Program

Archaeologist Tim Dinsmore will resume his research into the 18th-century Bryant-Barker Tavern site located along the west bank of the Damariscotta River in Newcastle. During past years, field school participants have helped locate and partially excavate the tavern site. In 2001 the exact location of the tavern site was discovered along with a profusion of artifacts dating to the period. The goal for the 2010 field season will be to define the outer walls to the structure and perhaps define better the suspected chimney base and hearth. The site, once home to shipwright Nathaniel Bryant and his family also served as a public tavern that was, "much resorted to by travelers." The site is significant in that it- along with the Hale site or George Barstow homestead site –mark the birthplace of the shipbuilding industry on the upper Damariscotta. The excavation of the site will allow for a detailed glimpse into the daily lives of 18th-century shipwrights and their families. Your participation is important! So, join in the fun, learn about the fundamental principles and rigors of archaeological research and help contribute to this important project.

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Registration Form

Please indicate below what session or sessions you want to participate in

I would like to participate in Session #1, July 11-16, 2010 _____ (\$300.)

I would like to participate in Session #2, July 18-23, 2010 _____ (\$300.)

I would like to participate in Sessions #1 & #2, Special Rate _____ (\$525.)

* A \$100 deposit is required with registration to reserve your space *

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