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## **Kids get down and dirty while learning at Laurier archaeology camps**

*Excavating a site, piecing together the past and learning about ancient societies on the agenda*

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WATERLOO – For six weeks this summer, 50 children ages nine to 14 will piece together the past from fragments of pottery, glass, stone and bone as they excavate a simulated archaeological site between King Street and Regina Street at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Starting July 17, groups of five or six children will take part in weeklong archaeology camps led by Laurier faculty, graduates and teaching assistants. Formerly held at Lucinda House on Albert Street, this is the first time camp participants will be excavating the King-Regina site. Participants work in the field and the lab to recover, analyze and interpret the time capsules that have been left behind at the site, learning about the world around them in the process.

"Archaeology is like detective work. At the camp, the kids solve a mystery with just a few uncovered clues," says Laurier archaeology professor Ronald Ross. "We combine education with a kid favorite – digging in the dirt. They get down and dirty with parent approval."

Now in its third year, the hands-on program focuses on exploring, excavation techniques and ancient civilizations. Students learn about how archaeology has contributed to our knowledge of ancient peoples through a series of theme days focusing on the ancient Near East, Greece, Rome, Native North Americans and pioneers.

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