



# Summer Excavation Opportunity

## Come learn about archaeology!

Join Us on August 11-12 and August 18-19  
At the Tram Site in Livonia, NY

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The Tram Site (Hne 6-4) is that of a large, palisaded Seneca Iroquois village of an estimated 800 to 1000 persons residing there from about A.D. 1580 to 1595, a period when the Seneca were on the brink of cultural change. They were just beginning to acquire small amounts of exotic European goods such as glass beads, iron tools and brass kettles, although probably not yet meeting European traders face to face. Unbeknownst to anyone at the time, of course, was the impact that Europeans and the goods they would supply in exchange for furs would eventually have on the traditional Seneca way of life and culture.

Traces of the palisade enclosure (i.e., oval ditch and embankments) still remained when a Smithsonian survey of the site was undertaken by Ephraim Squier around 1850, but these have now all but disappeared. Although we know a great deal about the material culture of these people through excavations that have taken place at the site over the last 160+ years, the extent of the village and the size and distribution of the residential structures in it remain open to question. There is slight evidence that the palisade may have been repositioned—either to expand or contract the size of the village, at some point in its history. These questions regarding the site's settlement pattern will represent the focus of this year's Morgan Chapter excavations.

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There is a \$20 registration fee to participate in this excavation. **All registrations must be received by Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

To register for this event:

1. You **must** be a member of the Morgan Chapter. Memberships are available to anyone 12-years of age or older. To become a member or renew your membership, obtain a membership form at our website (<http://www.morganchapter.org/membership.html>).
2. Send an email to [LHMChapter@gmail.com](mailto:LHMChapter@gmail.com) confirming the dates you will participate so we can begin planning our teams. New members should also include a copy of their membership form.
3. Checks or electronic payments should be made out to **Lewis H. Morgan Chapter, NYSAA** and be sent Lori Hunt, 2 Ryder Cup Cir, Pittsford NY 14534. Payment should include the dig registration fee and Membership fee (for new/renewing members).

Membership dues and registration fees will be used toward insurance, field supplies, and the all-important port-a-potty. Please note, lunches will not be provided this year; the Morgan Chapter will provide bottled water and a healthy afternoon snack.

All questions about registration, membership status, or the event should be sent to the [LHMChapter@gmail.com](mailto:LHMChapter@gmail.com).