

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

**DATE: July 15, 2009**

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**WHO: Students in the South Texas Archaeology Field School Summer 2009  
Course offered by Texas A&M-Corpus Christi**

**WHAT: Field Trip with South Texas Archaeology Field School**

**WHEN: Thursday, July 16, beginning at 9 a.m.**

**WHERE: Meet at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Highways 624 and 666 in  
Bluntzer (near Times Market/Shell gasoline station). If covering,  
contact Dr. Drolet in advance at 361. 537.3857.**

## **Students Perform Hands-On Excavation of Prehistoric Village**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Students in the South Texas Archaeology Field School course offered by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will use hand tools to excavate the Fort Lipantitlán pre-historic settlement Thursday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Bluntzer Ranch, located along the lower Nueces River, near the town of San Patricio.

The eight-week instruction, led by Dr. Robert Drolet, ends July 24 and is part of his annual South Texas Archaeology Field School.

Students will search for tools and artifacts associated with the hunting, gathering and fishing populations ancestral to the 18<sup>th</sup> century Aranama Indians, which occupied the area between 1150 B.C. to A.D. 1780.

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