

Kincaid Field Conference

July 25, Metropolis, Illinois

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The Kincaid Field Conference will be held on Saturday, July 25, in Metropolis, Illinois. The informal conference will feature presentations on new, on-going, or previously unreported research on late prehistoric sites in the Greater Confluence Region. This includes southern Illinois and the American Bottom, the northern Lower Mississippi Valley, the lower Ohio, and the lower Tennessee-Cumberland valleys. The cultural focus includes very Late Woodland, Mississippian, and Protohistoric sites. *See separate flier (pdf) for preliminary program.* **There will be a \$5 registration fee.** A guided field trip to the Kincaid site will also take place in the afternoon at the end of the formal program.

Place: Conference takes place in the theater complex at the **Baymont Inn and Suites** in Metropolis at 203 East Front Street. For hotel info do a web search for [Baymont Metropolis](#). The hotel is right next door to Harrah's Casino and Hotel. The Baymont has a \$65 rate for conference attendees. Be sure to indicate you are with the conference when you make a reservation. If the Baymont is not your cup of tea, several other chain hotels are available at/near the interstate exit.

Directions: Southbound on I-24. Take the Metropolis exit (Exit 37, US Highway 45). Turn right and follow signs into Metropolis. At ca. 3.3 miles from the interchange, turn left on Metropolis St. (one block before the traffic light at Ferry St). Go past the library to the end of the street. For northbound on I-24, turn left from the interstate (first Illinois exit), proceed as above.

Friday evening arrivals: There is no organized social event on Friday evening. Other than the common fast food outlets, restaurant choices in Metropolis are limited. Here are three where both food and spirits are available. There is also a Chinese restaurant off Highway 45.

- Harrahs Casino, next door to the Baymont. The Range Steak House, good food but quite expensive. Large self-parking area near casino entrance. Must be 21 or older.
- Willy Jaks (formerly Fast Eddie's) A restaurant and bar at 323 Ferry Street. One block west of the hotel. Campy décor in an old storefront. Short orders: burgers, sandwiches, kabobs, subs, and the like. Inexpensive.
- El Tequila: 140 East 5th Street (US 45), near entrance to Ft Massac Park. Inexpensive Mexican food and a large bar area. You pass it going into town from the interstate.

Field Trip: Following the formal program Saturday afternoon, there will be a guided tour of the state-owned portions of the Kincaid site. The group will car-pool out to the site which is about 15 miles from the I-24 interchange at Metropolis. If you have not seen the site in the last 7 years, it is dramatically different now and worthy of a new look.

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