

WHITEWATER EFFIGY MOUNDS PRESERVE TOUR

May 28, 2011: This was a long awaited day for members of the Whitewater Landmarks Commission and the Friends of the Effigy Mounds when we gathered at the Effigy Mounds Preserve to host a program and tour of the Mounds. **Over fifty people gathered to hear speakers, take a guided walk through the preserve and honor the native peoples who built this sacred site.**

We wish to thank the people who helped to make this celebration a success:

Kori Oberle, director of the Hoard Museum in Fort Atkinson provided an overview of the purposes of the mounds as burial sites and as a gathering place for Wisconsin's First Nation people from 500 to 1200 AD.

Rob Nurre, chair of the Preservation Committee of the Wisconsin Archeology Society described the Whitewater Mounds as "a spectacular world treasure."

Other contributors were:

St Luke's Episcopal Church -- folding chairs

Dalee Water Conditioning -- bottles of water

McDonalds -- lemonade

Future plans include:

Disseminating educational materials to the schools and offering guided tours at their request.

Assembling information for a panel to be displayed at the Hoard and Whitewater Museums and also at the mounds site.

Develop and maintain self-guided paths with informational signage.

Continue with the Preservation and Maintenance Plan as outlined in the report by Jennings & Associates, June 3, 2011.

The “Friends” welcome new members and/or volunteer help at the site.

Please come visit this spiritual historic site located on the West side of Whitewater just off Indian Mounds Parkway, look for the new signage donated by the Ho Chunk Nation.

Whitewater Landmarks Commission

Friends of the Effigy Mounds Preserve.