This year’s field school will be focusing on a series of projects in conjunction with Keweenaw National Historical Park and Isle Royale National Park.

The Quincy Mining Co. was one of the largest and most successful copper mining ventures on the Keweenaw Peninsula; its productive history spanning nearly a century. Today, its remains constitute some of the most iconic features of the region’s mining heritage.

This summer, students will:

- Survey for, and excavate, potential sites of prehistoric copper mining.
- Assist in mapping, documenting, and excavating what are believed to be features associated with the company’s earliest activities at the outset of the Keweenaw’s copper mining industry.
- Investigate the location of a National Guard encampment occupied during the 1913-14 copper miners’ strike on the Quincy mine property, adding new information to one of the region’s most contentious historical events.

Students will also have the opportunity to experience Isle Royale National Park as the field school assists in archaeological surveys of several historic and prehistoric copper mining sites on the island. There will be camping!

Field schools are essential ways for students to learn a wide range of basic techniques and skills common to archaeological fieldwork: mapping, survey, excavation, note taking, drawing, photography, artifact care, and cataloging.

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