

For more information

Full information on the excavation is on our website. Additional questions may be directed to the project coordinator at the address on the back of this brochure. Potential participants should also consult the web site of the U.S. State Department for the latest advisories about travel to the Middle East.



Find us online at
hippos.archaeology.csp.edu

Excavation season:
30 June–29 July 2016



Project Summary

Department of Theology and Ministry at Concordia University, Saint Paul participates in the Hippos Excavations of the Zinman Institute of Archaeology of the University of Haifa at the Sussita National Park above the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Since 2002 the Concordia Team has been excavating the Northeast Church, a mono-apsidal structure 50 meters east of the temple complex of the city and itself part of a larger configuration of rooms. Distinctive to the church are its burials in the chancel – one of which is a revered elderly woman. Beginning in 2010, the Concordia team has broadened its work to address the larger area north of the *Decumanus Maximus* and east of the Roman basilica within which the Northeast Church is located. This larger project bears the name Northeast Insula Project. The final season for the project is 2016.



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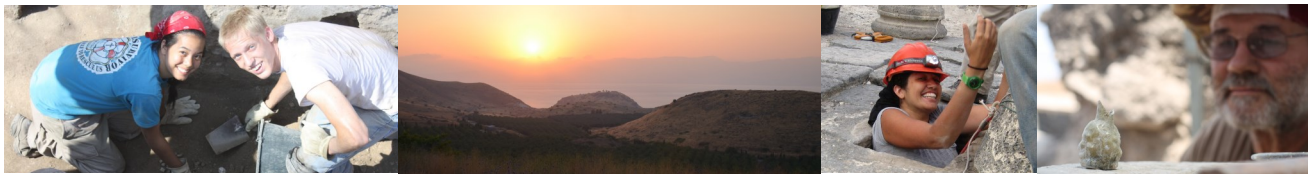


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2016 NE INSULA PROJECT
AT HIPPOS OF THE DECAPOLIS
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The 2016 Season

The 2016 season runs from 30 June to 29 July. Our excavation work in 2016 will complete work on the interior of the House of Tyche on the eastern side of the site. We will also open one or more squares on the north side of the Church of the Elderly Woman in order to expose the corner of a building connected to the church. As 2016 will bring to a conclusion major excavation in the Northeast Insula, we will also dig several probes to bedrock in an attempt to identify more precisely the dating of the structures. The 2016 season will be the fifteenth year of work at Antiochia Hippos by teams from Concordia University, Saint Paul.



Volunteers are welcome to join the Concordia Team. Volunteers must be in rigorous health and be prepared to do heavy manual labor in rugged terrain in the Galilean summer.

The workday begins before dawn and ends by noon with pottery processing in the late afternoon. Swimming, hiking, occasional lectures, and some touring round out the experience. Minimum participation is two weeks.

Living on the dig

Volunteers reside at Kibbutz Ein Gev, 2 km east of Hippos on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The work week is from Sunday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday are for touring and resting. Team members stay in a guest house (3-4 persons per sleeping room). Linens for the bed and one towel are provided. Each housing unit has an air conditioner, a refrigerator and a hot pot. Limited closet/storage space is available.

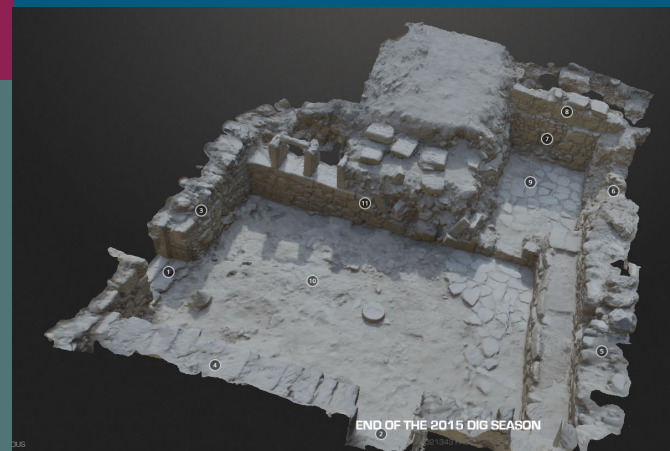
Costs

Deposit	\$100
Basic fee	\$2830

Transportation and weekend tours are extra. Partial season participants receive a pro-rated fee structure.

Hippos of the Decapolis

Antiochia Hippos, also known as Sussita, was one of the Decapolis cities – Graceo-Roman cultural outposts east and south of the Sea of Galilee. Excavations have revealed the urban architecture of a Roman city transected by a *decumanus maximus* with temples and public buildings around a central forum. Referred to as the “city set on a hill” by Jesus, Hippos became a major Christian center in the Byzantine era (the 4th to 8th centuries C.E.). Hippos boasted a cathedral and at least six other churches. Hippos was destroyed by an earthquake in 749 CE. Concordia University has been participating in the excavation of Hippos under the auspices of the University of Haifa since 2002.



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