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Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

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TeHEP UPDATE

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An Exclusive Report for TeHEP Alumni, Financial Supporters, and Friends

IGLOSSARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL TERMS FREQUENTLY USED IN TeHEP UPDATES:

Chalcolithic Period = Copper/Stone Age, 4400-3300 BCE; EBA = Early Bronze Age, 3300-2350 BCE; IBA = Intermediate Bronze Age, 2350-2000 BCE; MBA = Middle Bronze Age, 2000-1550 BCE; LBA = Late Bronze Age, 1550-1200 BCE; IA1 = Iron Age 1, 1200-1000 BCE; IA2 = Iron Age 2, 1000-586 BCE; IA3 = Iron Age 3/Persian Period, 586-332 BCE; HP = Hellenistic/Greek Period, 332-63 BCE; ERP = Early Roman Period, 63 BCE-168 CE]

Dear TeHEP Friends:

Today was our "Boy Scout" day. Gary B., Hal B., Owen D., Gorden D., Mike E. (who arranged it all), Mike L., Qutaiba, and I all went out to the site to meet a group of about 30 Scouts and parents for a day. Several of the scouts were working on their badge in archaeology. They ranged in age from about 12 to 17. We got them digging in various contexts around the site, and some also did some "sherding" in a new area. After about 3 hours, we took them all back to the hotel to wash pottery, and to learn many more things about what archaeologists do. I think everybody was thrilled to get the hands-on experience, and we hope they enjoyed their time with us as much as we did. It really was a fun thing to do on our day off.

I've also put in some of Mike Luddeni's photos from Thursday's wind storm.

Enjoy!

Digging the Bible,

Steven Collins, TeHEP Director
Dean, College of Archaeology, Trinity Southwest University

P.S. Please forward this to whomever you like!



A WINDY DAY IN TRENCH LA 28



DR C SHOWS A MASSIVE WALL TO A BOY SCOUT GROUP



DR MC AND DR C SHERD LOWER HAMMAM WITH SCOUTS



DUST STORM ON TALL EL-HAMMAM



HAL GUIDES SCOUTS DIGGING IN HIS SQUARE



ONE OF OUR SCOUTS SIFTING



SHOWING SCOUTS HOW TO TRIM A BALK

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