

Abila of the Decapolis

Volunteer Application: 2010 Excavation Season
mid-June through early August



I. Contact Information

Director

David Vila
John Brown University
dvila@jbu.edu

Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Address _____

Field Director

Robert Smith
Mid-Atlantic Christian
University
rws@roanokebible.edu

Permanent Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Area AA Supervisor

Susan Ellis
Wayne State College
SuEllis1@wsc.edu

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____ Citizenship _____

Occupation(s) (if student, give school, class level and major) _____

Director of Publications

David W. Chapman

Highest Degree Earned by June 2010 _____ School _____ Year _____

Photographer

Timothy Snow

II. Previous Archaeological Experience (attach separate list if necessary):

Where _____ When _____ Position _____

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Registrar

Cheryl Eaton

Indicate experience in the following skills: photography – drawing – surveying –
architecture – masonry – pottery – museum – nursing – mechanical – other

Area G Supervisor

Adam Chambers

Languages you speak in addition to English _____

Previous International Travel _____

Sponsor

The Abila Archaeological
Project, Inc.
12330 Conway Road
St. Louis, MO 63141

III. References: Ask two of your major professors or employers for a letter of
recommendation stressing your academic competence, physical condition, and social
compatibility (see attached reference form).

Reference #1 (Name) _____ (Position) _____

Reference #2 (Name) _____ (Position) _____

Phone: 1-479-524-7329

Fax: 1-479-238-8574

Website: www.abila.org

Email: dvila@jbu.edu

IV. Statement of Interest: Write a short paragraph in the space below indicating your
reasons for wanting to join the 2010 Abila of the Decapolis Excavation (attach separate
sheet if necessary)

VI. Health and Medical History:

Assess your health: ability to travel, work a rigorous schedule in a hot desert climate, and withstand changes in diet (Intestinal problems are common but not normally harmful unless one is in a weakened state of health to begin with)

List any serious illness(es) you have had in the past _____

List major surgeries you have had in the past _____

List all allergies to medication _____

List all allergies to environment _____

Name(s) and address(es) of Person(s) to contact in case of emergency:

VII. The total Board, Room and General fee is \$1,700.00 (for seven weeks).

I am enclosing \$250.00 with this application with the understanding that this deposit:

- 1) Will be refunded in full if I am not accepted;
- 2) Will be refunded at least in part if my participation is cancelled by the Director;
- 3) Or, will not be refunded if I withdraw from the excavation for any reason at any time.

I promise to pay the remaining \$1450.00 (of this Board and Room fee) before March 20, 2010.

I promise to take part in the whole program of the excavation during the announced dates and according to the daily schedule set by the Director of the Excavation.

Date _____ Signed _____

NOTE: The deadline for the return of this application and the \$250.00 deposit is January 31, 2010. Membership on the Staff is limited.

Please send this Application to:

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Abila Archaeological Project
c/o John Brown University
Department of Religion & Philosophy
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Regarding this applicant, please address the following matters (you may choose instead to attach a recommendation letter covering these same issues).

- (1) How well do you know the applicant? And in what context do you know him or her (e.g. as professor, employer, etc.)?
- (2) To what degree do you believe the applicant is physically capable of seven weeks of strenuous labor in a hot, arid climate? Why?
- (3) Please discuss how you think the applicant will perform emotionally and psychologically in a close living situation and in a cross-cultural environment.
- (4) Based on the applicant's academic and occupational record, please evaluate his or her abilities to work on an archaeological excavation.

Thank you for your willingness to fill out this recommendation!

Signature _____

Name (please print) _____ Position _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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AGREEMENT OF TERMS

A. All applicants must sign the following statement:

I, _____ (print name), the undersigned applicant for the participation in the 2010 Abila of the Decapolis Archaeological Excavation, in consideration for my acceptance in such a project agree and accept the following conditions and requirements necessary for the full understanding and protection of all participants in the archaeological excavation:

1. It is understood that I release the Abila of the Decapolis Archaeological Excavation and any of its officials as well as the director and any of its assistants and members, from any individual or collective liability for any injury to me or loss or damage of my property, because of sickness, accident, war, injury, delay, strike, rebellion, weather, quarantine, government restriction or regulation, irregularities arising from any transportation company's act or failure to act, or from any other cause whatsoever in connection therewith.
2. I have or will have adequate accident and sickness insurance applicable to short-term foreign residence for the entire period of the excavation and during the period of my traveling to and from my home in the United States of America.
3. I certify that to the best of my knowledge I am in good health and physically capable of undertaking an intensive foreign archaeological excavation. I agree to submit, accompanying this application, a statement of any limiting physical conditions or special precautions certified by a registered American medical doctor which might affect my participation in the excavation.
4. I do hereby state that my participation in the 2010 Abila of the Decapolis Archaeological Excavation has the complete and unreserved approval of my husband/wife, children and/or guardian as the case might be.
5. I recognize that all the finds and artifacts of any sort (including sherds, objects, etc.) and any equipment, etc. furnished is the property of the Abila of the Decapolis Archaeological Excavation, or the Department of Antiquities of Jordan, as the case might be, and I will not lay any claim to, or abuse, any of the same; and,
6. In addition, first and subsequent publication and presentation rights of work product shall be such as is customary in university academic circles or in the field of archaeology/archaeological academic circles, initially vesting in the Abila Archaeological Project, Inc.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Two Witnesses:

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

EMERGENCY ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE SOMEONE CAN ALWAYS BE REACHED ON YOUR BEHALF:

Name(s): _____ Telephone _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

B. In addition if the applicant is under the age of 18, the following statement must be signed by his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s):

The undersigned, being the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above-named minor does (do) acknowledge that he/she/they have read the foregoing Application and Agreement of Terms and consent to the participation of said minor in the Abila of the Decapolis Archaeological Excavation and further agree that said parent(s) or guardian(s) shall not assert any claim against Covenant Theological Seminary or the Excavation Director or the Abila Excavation itself or any member of the Excavation, and that the said minor has the full approval of the undersigned to participate in the excavation as stated.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Two Witnesses:

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____
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