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Bosses Corner ... ***by Brad Winn***
Junior Explorers
Are Coming to Camp River Dubois

We are partnering with Lewis and Clark Community College (seems logical to want to partner with them for some reason?!?!) to host a week long day camp this summer from June 25 – 29. This will be part of the College for Kids Program through LCCC. The Camp will be open to ages 9 to 11 and costs \$49. If you have a child that you think might be interested you can stop by the interpretive center and pick up a schedule or call 618-468-2222. We will be limiting the camp to only 20 students so call early I expect this camp to fill up fast!

The Junior Explorers will spend part of the week learning the history of Lewis and Clark. Other activities scheduled for the camp are military drills, making your own journal, sailing the pirogue, candle and soap making, honing their camp survival skills, learning about the weapons of the expedition and many more. On the final day of the camp they will dress in period clothes and spend the day with us in the camp, making their own meal, playing period games and other activities. We will be inviting their parents to stop by and see just what their students have been doing for that week. We are looking for volunteer counselors and teachers through out the week to help our staff with the day camp.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the individual sessions and to help staff the camp during as we expect many of the staff to be working with the day campers. I am excited about this new opportunity for us and in particular look forward to getting our younger visitors excited about history.

Tell a Friend or Loved One!
New Volunteers Welcomed!
618-251-5811

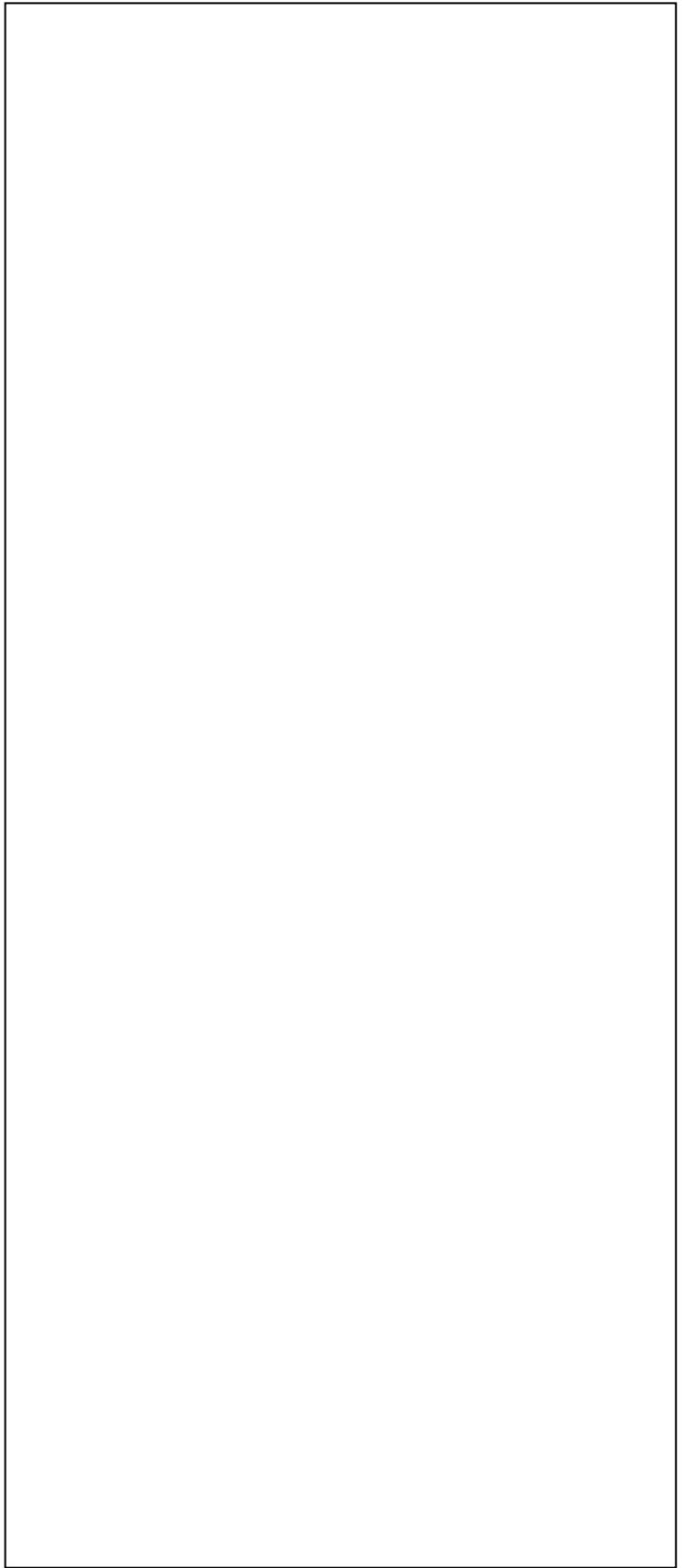
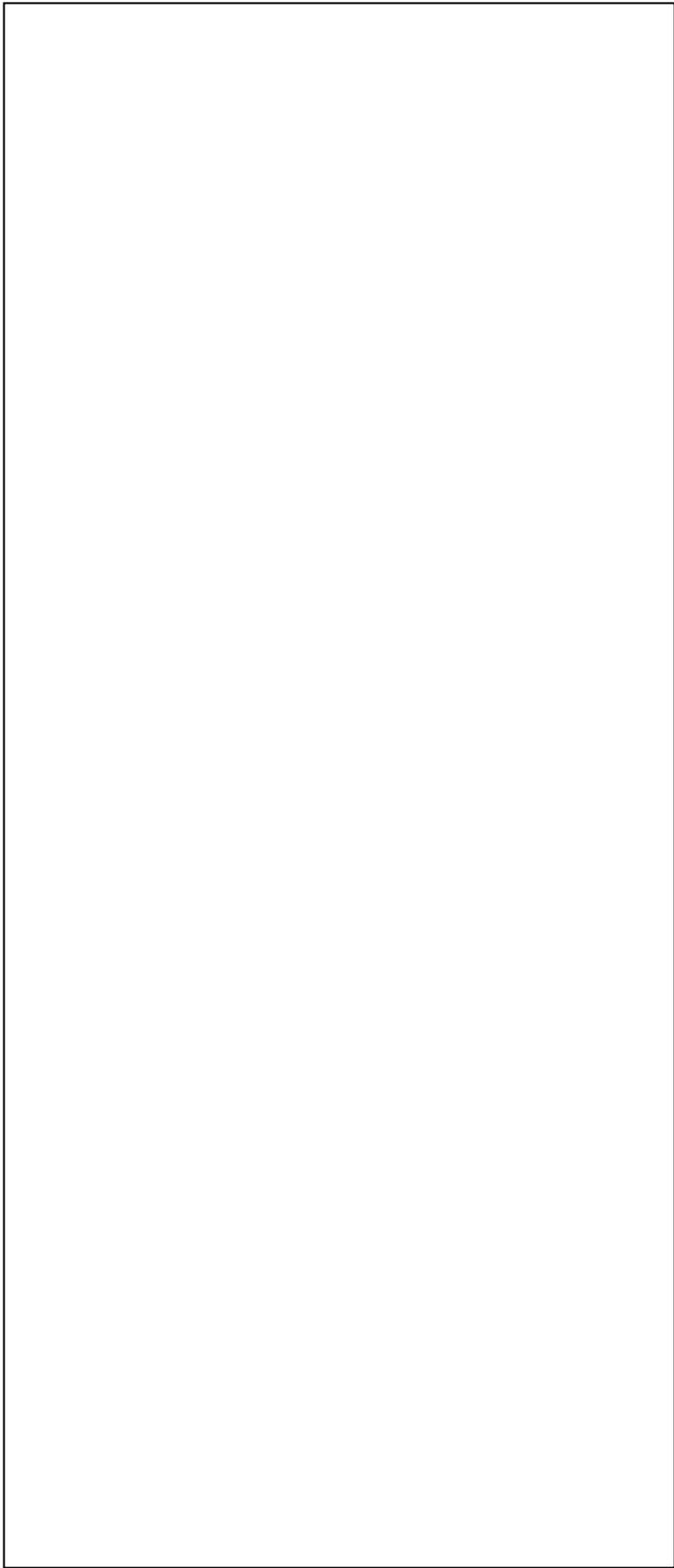
Volunteers Needed!!!

The Staff at Lewis & Clark have been involved in constructing a cabin. The logs were prepped by Rex Maynard. Dennis Nichols, Lonny Fox, and (sometimes) Mike Stout have constructed the cabin in the shop. We are hoping to assemble the cabin in the next couple of weeks after we prep the ground. After the cabin is assembled we will need help in the placement of the wire concrete mesh and concrete between the logs. This will be a tough task and we will need a lot of help. Please give Mike Stout a call at 618-251-5811.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the “Lewis & Clark Junior Explorers.” Please call Cindy Upchurch if you would like to help during the week of June 9-11. Please call at 618-251-5811.

Volunteer Refresher Course:

On Tuesday morning of April 24 the site will offer a refresher course to volunteers. Come learn about current events and plans for the site, Power Point presentation and practice a fire drill. In addition, Dennis Nichols has created a new emergency manual. The course should run from 9:00 till 11:00.



Welcome Back: *by Mike Stout*

Joanne Lenhardt:

Ms. Lenhardt was lucky to be re-hired again for the summer seasonal historic site interpreter's position; no one else would take the job!!! LOL. In the last couple of years Joanne has become a very valuable member of the team. She has established her own first person historical character, Anne Gillham and has been invited to speak at many outreach programs. Just last week Cindy Upchurch and Joanne talked with teachers at the St. Clair County Teacher Institute. She is also very crafty and has learned to make candles and basket (on sale at the Store of Discovery), sew, and some say she can even cook on occasion.

Lonny Fox:

Lonny has begun his third summer as the lawn care guy. He has become more than just a guy that mows the lawn. He is a valuable asset to the care of the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. Dennis Nichols, Mike Stout, Rex Maynard, and Lonny have been constructing a log cabin in the site's work shop. The cabin should be done in a few weeks. Welcome back Lonny and you thought all you were going to do was ride the mower around all summer. LOL.

Thank You Dad!

Herbert Stout donated his time to construct two New England Sawbuck tables for Camp River Dubois and the Washer Woman's Cabin. He made these tables taller than normal, which saves our backs. Ya done great dad!!! MS

Special Events Calendar for 2007:

Water Stewardship Day at the Lewis & Clark College: April 27. Mike Stout, Dennis Nichols, and Brad Winn will set up the White Pirogue for their education day. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO GIVE THESE GUYS A HAND, PLEASE CALL MIKE STOUT AT 251-5811.**

Education Day: May 11. This event will not be open to the public, but expecting over 1 million 4th grade students. Ok, maybe about 750 students, but it seems like a million. These students will go from station to station learning many new, but old ways of the past.

Point of Departure: Camp River Dubois, May 12-13, this event will have demonstrations: such as black smithing, candle making, soap making, coopering, cooking and more.

Kid's Day: June 9

The kids will go from station to station, like they do on Education Day; and perform task such as: pulling the log sled, using a compass, and more. At the end of all the stations the kids will each give a certificate.

Lewis & Clark Junior Explorers: June 25-29

From 8:30 am to 3:30 pm each day twenty Junior Explorers (Ages 9-11) will train as the men of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

Music Festival: Sept 15

Traditional music of the late 1700s and early 1800s performed by musicians in period dress.

Flags over the Mississippi: Struggle for an Empire: Oct. 13-14.

This is a new event and will center on several military periods in America's history. Re-enactors will represent the Spanish, French, British, and American military from 1750-1812. On the evening of the 13 we will have "Camp by Candlelight, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:

December 7, 2007 from 5:30-9:00 pm at the Godfrey Lewis & Clark College, the Commons Room.

Arrival at Camp River Dubois: Dec. 15-16

Experience the military life of the Lewis & Clark Expedition at Camp River Dubois in 1803-04. There will be a few demonstrators located inside the Interpretive Center.

Note: All events start at 10 am and end at 4 pm, unless otherwise noted.

Special Event News: Lewis & Clark State Historic Site

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“EDUCATION DAY” May 11 and “POINT OF DEPARTURE” May 12 – 13 at LEWIS and CLARK STATE HISTORIC SITE

More than 800 fourth graders will take part in the second Education Day on Friday, May 11 at Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Hartford, Illinois. From 10:00 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. students from Bethel Christian Academy, Brighton North, Columbus Elementary, DuQuoin Elementary, Hartford, Elementary, Holy Cross Lutheran, Holy Rosary, Kreitner Elementary, Lewis and Clark Elementary, Pocahontas Center, Summit Elementary and Vandalia Elementary School will learn first hand about the Lewis and Clark Expedition by experiencing how the men prepared for their journey. Students will learn to fold a flag, make a fish net, communicate with Indian sign language, storytelling, build a fire with flint and steel, make rope, learn about the Expedition’s boats, visit an 18th century doctor, see how beekeeping works to make honey and wax, cooking using herbs, tin punching, candle making, learning how to spin, blacksmithing, flax work, broom making, gun smithing, woodworking, petting Seaman, march and drill military-style carrying water in buckets with a yoke and experiencing the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

On Saturday only Bipod of Edwardsville will sponsor a 5-K run and a 2 mile walk. Those interested should call 618-407-3643 or visit www.bipod.com for further information.

Also on Saturday, the Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club will demonstrate on Saturday, with performers in period clothing presenting the five historic phases of the Morgan Horse in American History.

Saturday and Sunday the River King Newfoundland Dog Club will demonstrate the skills of their dogs.

Activities for the two days will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the reconstructed Camp River Dubois. Re-enactors portraying expedition members will perform marching drills and manual labor, cooking, and engage in shooting demonstrations. Visitors may see period artisans demonstration candle making, cooking, herbs, blacksmithing, weaving, natural dyeing of wool, flax work, plants of the expedition, coopering, woodworking, 18th century doctor, gun smithing, broom making, basket making and watch a sawyer cut logs.

William Clark and his men arrived at what would become Camp River Dubois on December 12, 1803. The location was very close to the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, the route chosen for the expedition. Most importantly, the location was in United States territory on the east side of the Mississippi River, which would honor the Spanish confirmation of the transfer of the Louisiana Territory to the United State. Construction of Camp River Dubois began immediately and by Christmas Eve 1803, the men were able to sleep indoors. While Clark oversaw the day-to-day operation of the camp, Meriwether Lewis was busy with official duties. In the spring the camp became a beehive of activities as final preparations were made. On April 1, 1804 Captain’s Lewis and Clark formally mustered into service the soldiers and other men who would take part in the expedition.

Lewis’ field notes read “The mouth of the River Dubois is to be considered as the point of *departure*.” The Expedition left on a rainy Monday afternoon, May 14, 1804 from Camp River Dubois at 4 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Food and drinks will be sold both days.

