
CAMP DISPATCH

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It was a simple question, how is your event going Pam? Pam stated, "It's going well and that's about all the time I have to spend on that." April 13, 2006 @ 9:55 A.M.

EDUCATION DAY

May 12, 2006
9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

"Education Day" and in other words, "It's a Mad House!!!" More than 800 fourth graders will take part in the first-ever Education Day. From 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Students from Woodland Elementary and Columbus Elementary, Edwardsville; West Elementary and Eunice Smith School, Alton; Hartford Elementary; and Worden Elementary will learn first hand about the Lewis & Clark Expedition by experiencing how the men prepared for their journey.

Students will learn to fold a flag, make a fish net, communicate with Native American sign language, tell stories, grind corn, build a fire with flint and steel, make rope, identify animal pelts, learn about the Expedition's boat, visit an 18th century doctor, see how beekeeping works to make honey and wax, cook using herbs, march and drill military-style, turn the great Wheel Lathe, watch logs being sawed by a sawyer, play games, carry water in buckets with a yoke, as they experience the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Announcement:

Desserts for volunteer lunches on Saturday and Sunday, May 13 & 14 are needed. If you wish to make cakes, cookies, brownies, etc...please contact Pam by May 9, if you are interested in making a dessert donation.

POINT OF DEPARTURE

May 13 & 14
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The fourth annual "Point of Departure" event commemorating the departure of the Lewis and Clark Expedition will be held Saturday and Sunday.

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 and give children wagon rides pulled by the dogs.

A 5-K run and a one-mile fun run/walk sponsored by Bipod of Edwardsville will be held on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Those interested in participating should call Jose Silva at (618) 406-3625. Also on Saturday, Trail Net will sponsor a bike ride that will start at 9:30 a.m.; those interested may call Kathi Weilbacher at (314) 416-9930 ext. 111 or visit www.trailnet.org for further information.

On Saturday and Sunday activities will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the reconstructed Camp River Dubois. Re-enactors portraying expedition members will march and drill; do manual labor, cooking, and engage in shooting demonstrations. Visitors may see period artisans demonstrating soap and candle making, blacksmithing, cartridge making, wood turnings on the Great Wheel, weaving, beekeeping, natural dying of wool, herbs and plants of the expedition, teenware, spinning, woodworking, coopering, a medicine doctor, gun smithing, leather working, broom making, basket making, and watch a sawyer cut logs.

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site Open 7 Days a Week

By Elizabeth Donald
Belleville News-Democrat

April 16, 2006

The story of Lewis and Clark's westward adventure will be open to the public seven days a week this summer, along with the Cahokia Mounds and 18 other sites across the state. About \$500,000 in state funding will allow most state historic sites, including the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Cahokia Mounds and the Cahokia Courthouse square to remain staffed and open seven days a week through Labor Day. State historic sites have been limited to five days a week since 2002, due to budget cuts.

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center in Hartford will get an extra month of extended days through September to accommodate the expected crowds when the area celebrates the bicentennial of the explorers return to the St. Louis Area.

At the announcement Monday (April 16), state Senator Bill Haine, D-Alton, said the funding "more than pays for itself" in tourism dollars. Brett Stawar, director of Alton Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the center contributes about \$8 million to the local economy each year. Since it open in 2002, he said more than half a million visitors have come to the center. "This truly is a tourism destination, and an anchor in our community," Stawar said.

Robert Coomer, director of Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, said the extended hours will apply to many state historic sites, including the Lincoln sites, Old State Capitol in Springfield, the Stephen A. Douglas tomb in Chicago, the Vandalia Statehouse and Ulysses S. Grant's home in Galena.

"Nearly three-quarters of our historic site visitation occurs between mid-spring and Labor Day," Coomer Said. Gov. Blagojevich has shown his commitment to heritage tourism with this budget initiative, communities in which these sites are located will now benefit every day of the week.

Senator Haine presented the center with an Illinois flag to be flown over the site. Members of "The Detachment," in period costume, raised the flag as students on a field trip from Eastwood Elementary in East Alton watch.

Have Information, Will Travel

The staff has been busy with education outreach. In early April, Joanne Lenhardt and Cindy Upchurch presented sessions at St. Clair County Teachers' Institute Days at Belleville West High School. They presented information about activities, education kits and interpretation with Joanne portraying Ann Gillham.

Joanne Lenhardt and Michael Stout visited Chouteau Township meeting on April 11. Joanne presented her first person interpretation of Ann Gillham and Mike clothed as a soldier of the Lewis & Clark Expedition portrayed Corporal Robinson and lectured on Camp River Dubois and an assortment of other things. Earlier in the day Joanne visited Methodist Village in Godfrey where she talked to the Upper Alton Women's Club.

April 21, Brad Winn attended Earth Day at Carlyle Lake for the site. Brad and Mike Stout will be presenting sessions on Water Stewardship Day at Lewis and Clark Community College, May 5. This annual event focuses on the importance of natural resources, especially rivers.

Volunteer, Joe Frazier, continues to be busy with education outreach. In April, he was a featured speaker for Women in Mining, St. Louis. Joe presented a half day class on Lewis and Clark for Drury College. In addition, at our volunteer training, he presented his Power Point presentation on the 3 winter camps of the expedition.

Thank you to all that help with outreach programming.

Dates to Remember

September 22-24, 2006 "Just another busy day!"

Last Signature Event/ Music Festival/
Dedicating Washer Woman's Cabin/ Hartford
Lewis and Clark Towers

October 14-15:

"Men at Work" & "CRD by Candle Light"

Thank you to everyone who attended Volunteer Training on April 22. Everyone's time is appreciated. Check with Pam Imes or Cindy Upchurch about upcoming workshops.