
CAMP DISPATCH

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Have Information, Will Travel:

The staff has been busy with outreach. In June Rex Maynard, Dennis Nichols, and Mike Stout reenacted at the U.S. Army's Birthday Ball at the Adams Mark in St. Louis. They were treated to a very nice supper with all the military trimmings and tradition. They reenacted the expedition's first camp on the Wood River while a narrator told the story of the expedition leaving Camp River Dubois.

Late May, Joanne Lenhardt was asked by the Altamont Daughters of the American Revolution to speak and portray Ann Gillham. She was again asked to travel to Alton in July to speak to Leisure Friends and August 4 to speak to the L&C Elementary School in Godfrey.

On June 1, Dennis Nichols and others were awarded Louisiana's highest civilian honor by Brig. Gen. Dennis Celletti, assistant adjutant general for the Army National Guard. Dennis was one of several had made a trip to the Jackson Military Museum to rescue military artifacts from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

On July 22, Pam Imes, Jim and Sally Munie, and Robin Johnson were invited to the Henry White Experimental Farm. The event was named "Women in the Outdoors," and its' goal was to introduce women to outdoor activities, aid in conservation and get kids involved.

On August 4, Brad Winn did a teachers' workshop in Springfield, called "Illinois History before Lincoln."

In August Mike Stout was invited to the Illinois State Fair to be a part of the Illinois Military State Museum's military timeline.

Volunteer Hours:

Well, the volunteer hours for the first six months of 2006 are calculated. Volunteer hours for the interpretive center, Camp River Dubois, special events, outreach, gardening, workshops, training and volunteer dinner totaled 4546.75 hours for January 1 – June 30th. Last year's total for the site was 4270 hours for the same period.

Re-enactors of The Detachment contributed 505 volunteer hours during the March and May events. Volunteers for The Store of Discovery donated 2105.25, which included Everett and Florence Loy manning the "Big Lots" table. Last year's total for January-June 30, 2005 was 1884 hours for the store.

The site couldn't operate in an efficient manner without the time and professionalism of the volunteer staff. Thank you for all your hard work and thousands of hours of dedication.

New Faces:

We have several new volunteers. Andrea Vander has joined as a desk and gallery volunteer. Melissa Pinkley and 10 year-old Ben have been volunteering at the camp this summer. Terry Allen has been greeting on Monday mornings. Carolyn and Jerry Estes have been volunteering at the desk and in the gallery. Welcome to all the new folks.

Summer Intern:

My name is Alex Goetten and I was the summer intern from Illinois College this year. I will be a junior this '06-'07 year with a declared major of history. My particular interest is American history, consequently this internship was a fine fit for me. I was involved with a little bit of everything here, including both interpretation in the camp and inside work as well. I wrote a rope making article for "The Journal," as well as a slavery project.

I appreciate everything that I was able to experience here at the site; this internship has been a fantastic starting point for me to further my career in a historic field.

In Memory

Everyone at the site wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to Carol and Harry Windland. We were saddened to hear of the death David Alan Windland.

“Point of Departure: The Expedition Returns to Camp River Dubois”

HARTFORD, IL – The event will commemorate the arrival Sergeant Ordway’s return to Camp River Dubois. It is not known if Lewis & Clark returned to the 1803-04 winter location across the mouth of the Missouri River, but it could be assumed that Ordway would not have stop without Lewis & Clark. Sergeant Ordway is the only member of the Lewis & Clark detachment to record in his journal when he writes “Soon arrived at the mouth of the Missouri, entered the Mississippi, and landed at the River Dubois where we wintered in 1804. Here we found a widow woman who we left here and has a plantation under tolerable good-way since we have been on the Expedition.”

There will be music on Friday, as well as, Saturday and Sunday. This year we have many local favorites returning; such as Melba Schmidt, Stanley Horton, Nancy Lippincott, Lindell Blackford and the Alton Dulcimer Players. In addition, there will be new performers. Travelers’ Dream will be performing all day Friday and till 1:00 pm on Saturday. Bradford Smith, a composer and flutist, will be performing at 11 and 1:00 pm on Saturday.

Craftsmen located outside the L & C Visitor Center

Ed Hamburg: Gunsmith: He will be discussing the military weapons used during the Expedition and his knowledge of gunsmithing. This will include the 1705 Springfield Musket, 1792 Contract Rifle, and the Kentucky Long Gun which were all used on the expedition. Visitors will view historic guns and will come away with knowing the “Lock, Stock, and Barrel.”

Joanne Lenhardt, Pam Imes, and Elly Stout: These “Chandlers” will demonstrate the art of candle and soap making. Chandlerring was consider a smelling endeavor and neighbors hated to have such a smelly industry move in next door.

Pam Imes and Sally Munie will be demonstrating the art of 18th century cooking. If unexpected visitors were invited to dinner, they ate “potluck,” which meant they ate what ever was cooking in the pot. Today “potluck” meal can be leftovers or a large meal where everyone brings a dish to share with everyone attending.

Sue Miller and Melissa Pinkly: Washer Women: A woman approached Clark asking him permission to wash and sew for the men of the expedition.

Steve Gerlach has a collection of 18th century medical tools which will be on display. He first began attending reenactments in 1988 at Ft. de Chartres State Historic Site. Since then he has attended events at Ft. Louisbourg in Nova Scotia, Ft. Bellefontaine in Missouri, Birdsboro in Pennsylvania. At Ft. Louisbourg he received the Best Civilian Occupation Portrayal Award at the end of the event.

Charlie Buie: Portrays a town’s cooper constructing and repairing the villagers’ and farmers’ barrels and buckets.

David Tomlin: Portrays a town’s broom maker. He really cleans up.

Alex Goetten (Site’s summer intern from Illinois College) and **Ben pinkly** (Sites youngest volunteer): A Rope Maker is known as a “Roper.” Ropers spun hemp in a long building over 1000 feet in length. A machine was design with three hooks to spin and twist the yarns into rope as the apprentice (Ben) manned the crank

Mark Miller: Sawyer: Most sawyers worked in pits or on constructed platforms. Actually the apprentice would be in the pit pulling down the pitsaw while the journeyman stood on the log and pulled it back up through the log. It was hard and very exhausting work, but dates back to the Roman period.

Pat Scott: Herbalist: Grown plants are dried and then crushed in a mortar and pestle. Scott will display a very large amount and varieties of these herbs. People had special gardens to grow their herbs. They would harvest them by cutting and drying them. When people say that an idea is “cut & dry” they mean that it has been around a long time.

Jim Mewes will set up his Leather Workshop, were he will demonstrate his skill at working with leather; from mending harnesses to repairing leather shoes.

Albert DeSherlia: Woodworker: Albert DeSherlia can construct any item made of wood ranging from a screw made of wood to furniture.

George Waldrum: Master Carver: In the 18th century a Master Carver was considered the best at the trade of woodworking. They would be called upon to do elegant carved works of wood around windows, doors, fireplace trim, etc. George started a canoe and will demonstrate the tools used to remove the wood from a 12 foot log.

Re-Enactors located at Camp River Dubois:

“The Detachment” A group of volunteers (living history enthusiasts) portraying the original army detachment at Camp River Dubois. In combination with the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site’s “The Detachment,” the **Corps of Engineers**, and members on the **Frontier Army History Association** are creating a window of history with the desire to help visitors see the everyday life of these soldiers attached to Capt. Lewis’ Company. The soldiers of Lewis & Clark’s detachment will participate in: shooting demonstrations, cleaning weapons, preparing meals, laundry duties, guard duties, other work known as “Fatigue Duties,” and finish off each day with a “whiskey” ration demonstration. All camp activities and demonstrations are intended to show that the Lewis & Clark endeavor was a military operation and was organized accordingly.

Craig “Rocky” Rockwell will be portraying Capt. William Clark as he talks with visitors. He will set up his Lewis & Clark display of reproduction artifacts in the lobby of the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center. These materials include: sextant, artificial horizon, air rifle, apothecary, etc. So bring your cameras, because this will be the last time you can get your photo taken with Capt. “Rocky” Clark.

Regional Native American Encampment: Jim Hart and others will create a small regional Native American encampment: to include: Wickiups, cooking, horses, and dugout canoe. Jim Hart portrays a Kickapoo and has put together a group of men dedicated to the re-enactment of regional Native Americans that visited Camp River Dubois in 1803-04.

Art & Photographic Reception & Exhibit

In the multipurpose room, there is a new photographic display entitled “Boats of the Expedition” by Willie Johnson. “This photography exhibit took two years to complete and entailed travel in ten states.” The photographs present keelboats, pirogues, dugout canoes and bullboats. Artist-Laureate Kay Smith will be commemorating her newest drawing in sepia ink. She’ll have other art work on display also in the multipurpose room. A reception will be held on Friday September 22, at 6:00pm and both Willie Johnson and Kay Smith will make presentations from 6:45-8:30.

Special Thanks

Congressman Jerry Costello donated to our site the map portfolio, Lewis and Clark and the Revealing of America. The portfolio was developed and distributed by the Library of Congress.

A.J. Lambright and Lonnie Fox assisted Dennis Nichols with maintenance. A.J. is enrolled at Lewis & Clark Community College and studying Law Enforcement. You may have seen A.J. cursing the grounds in one of the site’s vehicles or manicuring the Lewis & Clark grounds. Lonnie has been with the site for two years and is a great help to the staff.

Rex Maynard has completed his third year as a summer seasonal for the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. He has started his 5th year with the St. Louis School District and will be teaching at Lafayette the new freshmen school located on 7th street south of Soulard Market. Rex deserves a big thank you for removing the bark from 30 logs for the site’s new cabin and for working as an Interpreter during the summer at Camp River Dubois. He has also created a small cabin to demonstrate to students and visitors how log cabins were constructed.

Joanne Lenhardt retired from teaching in the Alton Community School District in June of 1992, having completed 34 years as a first grader. This is her second year as a summer seasonal for the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. In addition to being an Interpreter at Camp River Dubois, she has developed a first person program portraying Ann Gillham an early settler in Madison County. She also helps Pam with cooking, candle and soap making. She has enhanced the Lewis & Clark site’s outreach program by speaking to several schools and public organizations throughout the year.

L&C Site Announcements

For all those who have volunteered to work the Sept. event there is a volunteer meeting prior to the event on September 14th, at 2 pm in the multipurpose room. Get your "Parking Pass."

For those volunteering for September (Saturday 23) and (Sunday 24), a light lunch will be provided.

Pam Imes needs help on Sept. 12th at 8 am to assist in the gardens. Bring a hoe and help prep the gardens for the Bicentennial.

For the Oct. 4 workshop Pam Imes needs volunteers to peel apples on Oct. 3, the day before the workshop.

"Point of Departure: The Expedition Returns to Camp River Dubois"

THE DEDICATION OF THE HARTFORD LEWIS AND CLARK TOWER WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, AT 10:00 A.M.

The tower stands 150 tall and offers a spectacular view the Mississippi and Missouri confluence.

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Spirit of Discovery

Statue Dedication

Donated to the L&C Society of America by Elizabeth Johnson Wade honoring Charles & Eleanor Scheizer.

**Sunday
September 24, 2006 at 2:30 pm
In the lobby of the L&C State Historic**

"Point of Departure: The Expedition Returns to Camp River Dubois"

L&C Site PARKING

Staff and volunteers working Sept. 22-24: parking is restricted to the overflow lot. You will need a pink parking pass. Due to the number of artisans, musicians and vendors, no one will be parking behind the building. This area will be reserved for emergency vehicles only. Parking passes will be passed out at the volunteer meeting on Sept. 14 or can be picked up at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center.

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Illinois L&C Bicentennial Bus September 23-24

**Parked at the front of the
L&C State Historic Site
Interpretive Center**

Dates to Remember

October 4

Fall food workshop. 9am to 4 pm

Starting October 1

Site will be closed Monday and Tuesday

October 14-15:

"Men at Work, 10am-4pm" & "CRD by Candle Light, 6:30- 8:30pm"

December 1

"Volunteer Appreciation Dinner," L & C Comm. College, Godfrey 5:30 – 9:00pm

December 9-10:

"Arrival at Camp River Dubois" 10am- 4pm.

January 18, 2007:

"Women come to Camp River Dubois" 10-4