

Idaho – Washington Chapters Joint Meeting

Friday –Saturday- Sunday, July 8-10, 2011
Sacajawea State Park, Pasco, Washington

Overview

- **FOOD AND OVERNIGHT:** Arrive Friday night and either camp in the State Park or take a motel nearby. The Idaho Chapter is setting up the kitchen they use for the Lolo Trail Work Weeks and will provide Friday and Saturday night dinners Dinner from 6 to 7 PM and breakfasts are 7 to 8:30 AM.



- **FEATURED TALK: DAVID THOMPSON AT THE CONFLUENCE**

at 10 AM Saturday, July 9. Speaker Jack Nisbet – (*The Map Maker’s Eye, The Collector, Sources of the River* and other books on the inland Northwest). When Canadian fur agent David Thompson arrived at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers on July 9, 1811, he

connected the first formal survey of the upper Columbia drainage with the work of Lewis and Clark on the lower half. The presentation will compare the back story, approach, and long-term influence of Thompson’s work with that of the Corps of Discovery. Our speaker, Jack Nisbet lives in Spokane and is a teacher, naturalist and writer has studied the inland northwest history for years. He is very good at tying together the various explorers of the northwest.



- **THE CONFLUENCE PROJECT** is adjacent to the visitor center and on the point between the two rivers. The David Thompson-L&C talk will be followed by a discussion of the Confluence Project and artist Maya Lin's art. This presentation/discussion will follow the Nesbit presentation.
- **EVENING CAMPFIRE** at 7 PM both Friday and Saturday nights. Bring your musical instruments and a good voice. We will have some informal L&C discussions, we'll discuss our alternatives for Saturday afternoon: swim, ice age tour, L&C tour, winery tour or ???. We may have several groups doing different things.

Details

- **CAMPING.** We have reserved the picnic shelter at the State Park. The shelter and camping is under shade trees on a nice green lawn. You can set up a tent or RV. Electric power is somewhat limited as there is two 50 Amp, two 30 amp and several 15 amp outlets on a few poles. If many of us need power we may require lots of extension cords and adapters. The boat launch and dock is adjacent if you want your boat. Camping cost is \$12/ car load / night plus help with the reservation site charge.



- **MEALS:** The Idaho Chapter has group cooking gear and will feed *those who tell them they are coming*. Email idahoclarkie@gmail.com by Wednesday, June 6. Bring your own drinking mug, and, if you don't like paper plates bring your own dinner ware. We'll serve dinner Friday and Saturday nights, snacks for the campfire, and breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Meal by donation and help out with chores around camp.
- **ACTIVITIES:** Campfire talks and L&C discussions each evening. There is a great deal of history at the confluence and we won't lack for topics. Sacajawea scholar Barb Kubic will be on hand so we will hear about that topic. Much of Dave Nicandri's recent book *"River of Promise: Lewis and Clark on the Columbia"* crystallizes at this location, so we can discuss that.