

# IDAHO CHAPTER LEWIS CLARK TRAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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## **NEXT MEETING**

Join us Saturday, March 26 at 1 PM at the Brammer Building 1225 Idaho, Lewiston, ID. To find it travel on Main Street (US 12) in Lewiston. Turn south on 13<sup>th</sup> Street (between Dairy Queen & City Hall) and go two blocks to Idaho. Turn right (west) on Idaho and go just 50 feet to parking lot on right - north side of street. The meeting place is the Nez Perce County Commission's meeting room.

### Agenda

- I. Welcome, Introductions
- II. State of the Chapter reports: Financial, etc.
- III. Where do we go from here? Election of officers.
- IV. Imprisoned in Paradise: "Japanese Road Workers at the Kooskia Internment Camp", presented by Priscilla Wegars. All are welcome

The Idaho Chapter kicks off 2011 with an interesting but little known chapter of Idaho history. This program details how the long held dream of a road between Lewiston and Missoula, World War II, a Japanese Internment Camp and Lewis and Clark came together in north central Idaho. Priscilla Wegars, a Moscow resident and curator of the Asian American Comparative Collection at the University of Idaho, will present her program at the spring meeting. Dr. Wegar's presentation has been made available through the Idaho Humanities Council and the IHC's Speaker's Bureau. The Kooskia Internment Camp replaced the federal Canyon Creek prison camp in May of 1943 and operated until May 1945 as a work camp that helped build what is now known as Highway 12 or the "Lewis and Clark" highway. The camp, located about 30 miles east of Kooskia along the Lochsa River, held 265 "enemy aliens" during that time. Priscilla Wegars authored a 2010 book entitled *"Imprisoned in Paradise: Japanese Internee Road Workers at the World War II Kooskia Internment Camp"*. This book is the first full-length look at this bit of Idaho's history that most history books have neglected. The Idaho Chapter hopes to have books available for purchase and for the author to autograph.

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### *Time for an Idaho Chapter Web Site?*

Idaho is blessed with the greatest number and least changed Lewis and Clark sites in the country, but many don't know of them, how to find them or how to find others of similar interest. During the bicentennial we were blessed with a number of web sites but those have mostly disappeared or are not being maintained.

Possible Goals of a Chapter Web Site:

1. A calendar for news of upcoming events.
2. Newsletters of things related to the Idaho Chapter.
3. Event and Project reports - such as an annual report on the work party & other meetings and events.
4. Description of L&C sites in Idaho, how to find them, and background on what happened there.

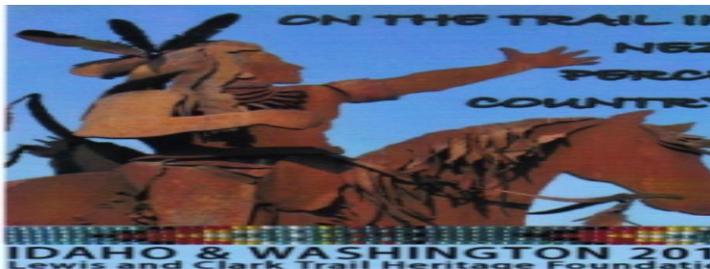
Initial review indicates if we do the work ourselves we need to pay a host name registration fee (\$10) hosting fee of \$7 month or less that \$100 per year. Let's discuss at the next meeting.

### *Musing from the President*

#### Chapter Elections

It's time to think about why you belong to the chapter and what you want our chapter to accomplish. The national Foundation's Board of Directors is working on revising the vision statement for the Foundation. I think our chapter role is quite different from the national Foundation's role. When I was elected President I asked members what they wanted. Answers included: 1) visits to L&C sites; 2) occasional meetings where we would here Lewis and Clark related topics, and 3) the opportunity to mingle with other history minded people. Considering the light turnout at chapter meetings and of Idaho Chapter members at the National meeting it's apparent that something is not working for our membership. Our bylaws set two year terms for our officers with elections in odd numbered years. This completes my 2<sup>nd</sup> year term as President, and it is time for new blood & fresh ideas. Ideally, our President would live in one end of the state and the Vice Pres in the other end and each would organize meetings in their area and neither would carry the full load of leadership/responsibility.

I've asked a number of members for suggestions (names) of possible new leaders. The answer has been a deafening silence. Perhaps I'm asking the wrong people. I've been involved in the chapter for 25 years and perhaps I'm only talking to the old timers. In any case, please come to the March 26 meeting in Lewiston and voice your opinion on Idaho Chapter Direction. Your silence can also be considered as a strong vote on direction and interest.



### A Look Back at the Successful 2010 LCTHF Annual Meeting

The Idaho Chapter had several goals as the planning commenced for the 2010 meeting.

The first goal was to create a truly memorable experience for all participants that captured the magic of being "on-the-ground" amongst the greatest number (and least disturbed) of Lewis and Clark sites. Thus the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting was an opportunity to showcase some spectacular parts of the trail thanks to field trips that stretched 65 miles to the east (Heart of the Monster) and the Weippe Prairie, and 65 miles to the west (Patit Creek campsite near Dayton). Another day was spent at Spalding Park. Pre-meeting and post-meeting jet boat trips also took participants 65 miles south to a seldom-seen Lewis and Clark site - the Ordway site where 3 expedition members trekked to find salmon in 1806.

The next goal was to host a meeting that accomplished the Foundation's purposes to hold a business meeting. In keeping with past meetings, this annual meeting had an itinerary that attracted 171 members from 31 states to Lewiston, Idaho to conduct the Foundation's business.

Another goal was to create a positive experience for attendees, staff, board members, tribal members, vendors and agency personnel. The comments received from the evaluations collected at the end of meeting as well as many verbal comments generally gave high praise to the 2010 annual meeting. The attendees especially enjoyed being in "Nez Perce Country" and experiencing the hospitality of our Nez Perce hosts as well as the beautiful scenery. The dual interpretation at sites with local historians and Nez Perce historians was also very well received. The attendees also raved about the great food on the field trips including spectacular dinners at the Orofino City Park and at Weippe!

The final goal was to keep the cost of the meeting low yet meet budget constraints. With an uncertain economy, the Chapter felt that keeping costs low was important to our success. As the financial report shows, after hard work and hard decisions, costs were kept to a minimum (\$5,512.14 less than budgeted) with income greater than planned (\$3,566.00) and the Chapter was able to return \$9,555.79 to the Foundation.

A big thanks to all who helped make this such a successful event!

## Idaho Chapter Of Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

The Idaho Chapter was first chartered on October 19, 1985, and has had a strong history of involvement in Idaho teacher education workshops as well as the study of and work on the Lewis and Clark Trail. It is one of 35 chapters affiliated with the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and has hosted an Annual Foundation meeting in 1990 and will again host in 2010. Each Chapter charges a membership fee, which generally includes a local Chapter newsletter (*membership to the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is usually not included in a Chapter membership*).

The Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, headquartered in Great Falls, Montana, was formed in 1969 as a result of a US Congressional Commission recommendation to form a non-profit organization to preserve the story of the Lewis & Clark Expedition and the route it traveled. As our parent organization, the Foundation oversees the general operation of the local Chapters & Regional Meetings, helps coordinate preservation of the Lewis & Clark Trail, and sponsors the annual meetings that are held in various historical locations throughout the US. The LCTHF charges a separate membership fee, which includes two quarterly publications: —"The Orderly Report" newsletter, and —"We Proceeded On" magazine. You must be a member of the LCTHF to receive these two wonderful publications.

### ***Benefits of Idaho Chapter membership include the following:***

- *Receive the quarterly newsletter which brings you news of Lewis and Clark related activities in and around Idaho,*
- *The opportunity to debate and vote on subjects important to chapter members,*
- *The opportunity to vote for and become an officer of the chapter.*
- *A reserve to draw upon when we want to help make some L&C thing happen. Recent examples include supplies for Pomp's grave site and monuments at Lolo Pass.*
- *Opportunity to network with fellow "Clarkies" from Idaho, Eastern Washington, and Oregon*

### **Idaho LCTHF Chapter Enlistment Papers**

Be a part of the discovery. Together, we proceed on. Join the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. No physicals required. Make check payable to Idaho Chapter LCTHF -- send this membership form, along with your check to: *Holly Crawley, 7325 S. 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Idaho Falls, ID 83404*

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Fees for one year membership: Scout (Student) \$5 \_\_\_\_ Private 1st Class (Individual) \$10

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SEE YOU IN LEWISTON ON MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 1PM AT THE BRAMMER BUILDING!

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